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Making Changes

Transforming Apathy And Denial

By Lanie Melamed

Assisting others to face militarism and ecocatastrophe and become motivated and capable of working to reverse these threats is a substantial challenge for educators in all setting. Lanie Melamed shares these thoughts from her workshop at last year's Canadian Association of Adult Education Conference – People, Power and Participation – in Vancouver.

Understanding Apathy and Denial

How does one move people beyond apathy and denial? This is the \$64 question for many peacemakers and social change workers. How do we get people who are not concerned about the fate of the earth (as we define it) to become aware, educated, and activated? At a recent workshop adult educators came together to talk about how to transform apathy and denial into action, both in our work and in our social lives. To begin, we attempted to unravel the words themselves.

The word **apathy** had many interpretations. One is the inability to find connections with things (issues or people) outside ourselves. It is not necessarily "no feelings" but rather a sense of, "I can't do anything about it." The flip side is that apathy can be a survival skill for those who are powerless and disenfranchised. Frequently, it is a finely-honed tactic.

When we define somebody as "apathetic" we may also be indicating a power differential. Those with power over others are likely to name the problem or define the plan or agenda. When other people or groups don't see things in the same way or adopt that agenda, they are frequently labelled "apathetic." In effect, the so-called apathy of the subordinate group can be studied act of resistance.

Denial can be the result of a value conflict, deliberate or unconscious, malevolent, or a stage of growth. Often it is the creation of an empty space – a place or time in which to think something through. There is both personal and institutional denial. It became clear during the discussion that the two terms often overlap and are difficult to tease apart.

Telling Our Own Apathy Stories

To set the stage for talking about apathy as it appears in our own personal/work lives I shared some of my reasons for being interested in this subject. Briefly, I am a dedicated peacemaker and teacher, one who wants to change the world from a dominator society to one in which people share or live/work in partnership and in peace. Last year Ralph Nader re-stimulated my thinking about techniques for moving "Que sera, sera" people ("What will be, will

be"). As well, the subject matter raised turmoil and resistance from adult education students in a graduate course I taught last year entitled "Education for Social Change." These reactions seemed to stem from an avoidance or unwillingness to view the world, and education in particular, in political terms. Previous to this I had an opportunity to interview activist women in four Latin American countries and in Canada. Attitudes toward political action and political thinking were quite discrepant. In countries which had lived through revolutionary change, politics was a way of life, with emphasis on citizen involvement in community action. In western-style countries, there was dis-ease with the word "politics" and a denial of their grass-roots as "political."

Two quotes, taken from the Concordia University (Montreal) student newspaper, further describe common manifestations of apathy. The Roving Reporter question was, "What riding are you in for the federal election, and who are the candidates?" Student A responded "I haven't a clue. I don't keep in touch with anything that doesn't have a direct physical relationship with my life. I'm so busy with school and work, I hardly ever watch the news. I never listen to the radio, and all I read in the newspaper is Bloom County" Student B answered: I have no idea what riding I'm in and I don't give a shit who the candidates are."

After reflecting on these examples one participant said she'd be happy if her students said things like that. "At least they're in turmoil and that's a hopeful sign." Some of us were not convinced.

There is a danger, one educator said, in thinking that we need more information. Or, that higher class or more educated people are less "apathetic." We don't need better arguments or more information. What we need to do is take a hard look at education and what it prepares students for.

One man described a white community in the midwest which sought cooperation from a local native group. The

Making Changes

In the *Making Changes* section, we present a selection of articles dealing with experiences, issues, and practical information relating to working for change. Our aim is to provide information and also to stimulate thought and discussion by presenting a variety of approaches and experiences. We have selected articles which we think have something of value to say, but we are not 'endorsing' any specific approach. We would appreciate readers' help in suggesting other articles which might be included in this section. We also welcome original articles and letters.

whites accused the native community of being apathetic when they refused to rally to the reformer's list of "community problems." Education was not the solution. What was needed was the chance for people to come together to talk about their mutual agenda.

Transforming apathy depends primarily on developing relationships. In some ways it can be described as an spiritual encounter rather than finding new strategies and methods for education.

Strategies for Transformation

It was evident as individual stories were being told that a number of successful strategies were being recounted. One situation occurred in Nova Scotia which needed a hospice for AIDS patients. Nobody was interested. What do we do? A participant in the group suggested that the AIDS issue be hooked to another health issue, a strategy which worked successfully in his community.

We have to listen a lot before people will begin to take "action", and then it may not be the action we had in mind. People need to discover their own roots. As the adult education adage suggests, "We have to start where people are." Above all, it is the personal relationship which is crucial. Most of the time we have to start with the particular and passionate questions people bring.

One woman mentioned the value of clothing radical ideas in an "acceptable" and conservative exterior. She makes her unpopular "political" points by staying calm, not losing her temper, nor by attacking the other person. More frequently than not, she is heard, and the door is opened to further discussion.

A gift subscription to an alternative newspaper made the difference for one woman's son. "If you wait long enough, your kids may change." Another retorted, "But do we have time? A major tension arises for many of us when we understand that people must set their own agendas, yet personally feel the urgency involved in becoming active. Do we really have enough time to take our time?"

Parenting can also be a politicizing act. Many women have become active in the peace movement because they feared for their children's future. These women tend to be respectable and healthy looking. They present a role model which can be used to offset the negative images which the media creates of "peaceniks." Attraction can be a powerful strategy.

We need to demystify the idea that there are "experts" out there who know more than the rest of us. The experts also "mess up." Nor do we have to have all the answers. It's O.K. not to be fully informed and to say "I don't know, or that I haven't thought that piece through." What is important is that we care and that we're committed to learning more.

Health is a strong selling point for becoming involved in local or global issues. It starts with our own health and expands to the health of the planet. A reminder was made, however, that it's important to avoid scare tactics or gory scenarios when we talk to people. Scaring them off and making them feel guilty will not win friends in the long run.

Sometimes it takes the threat of losing freedom to mobilize people. An immigrant from Pakistan shared her feelings about the complacency of Canadians. People in

Canada, she felt, take their rights for granted. Those who have their freedoms cherish these privileges and often feel an obligation to preserve them. The right to be left alone seems to be a basic Canadian "right."

One person can make an enormous difference in a small town said one Nova Scotian. "It helps, though, to have a supportive and accepting environment."

One way to get people's attention about issues is to assume a controversial stance. We can choose to become risk-takers and introduce unpopular issues into social conversations. This can also be done in tandem with other persons. One person can choose to take a radical position while the other play the "soft" guy. The "centre" of an argument can frequently be shifted in this way.

Because of the ability of the media to create issues or make them invisible, and to make or break people and movements, more attention needs to be paid to their power. Media literacy should become a priority as well as social action at many levels. Not to be overlooked are the arts, music, drama, dance, story telling etc. as a means of reaching people with our concerns.

At the University of British Columbia a "change the world" group was formed among students. They meet once a week and have become an important support group.

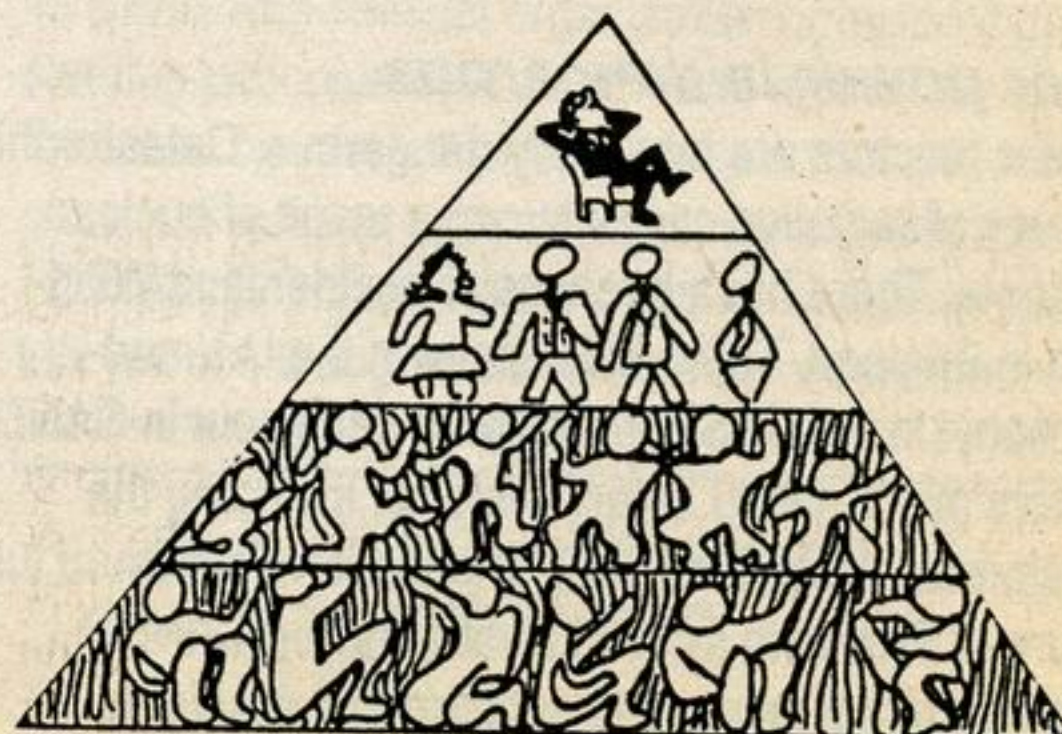
Participants at the workshop clearly demonstrated that we all have the ability to assist others to overcome their apathy and denial regarding global threats, and become active in changing the world.

The CAAE Peace Education Task Group

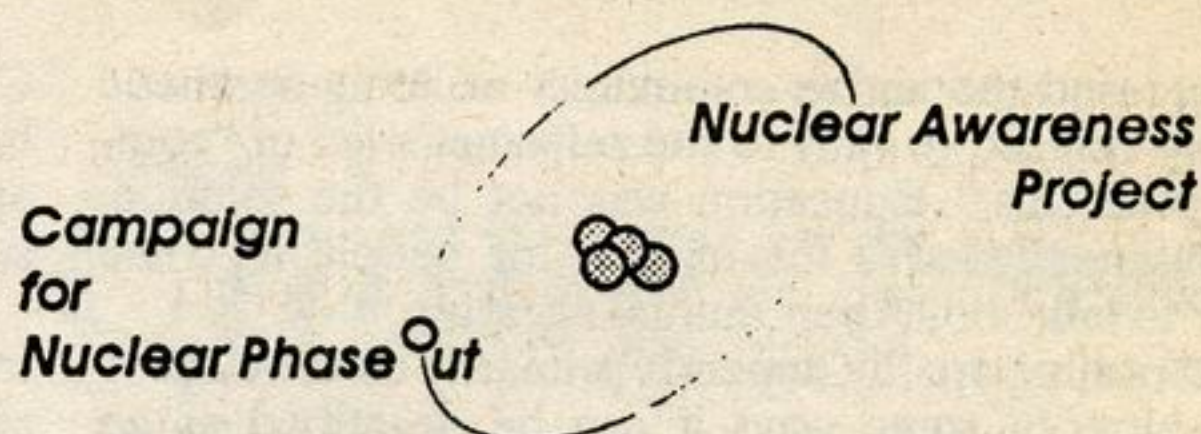
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The Case for A Nuclear-Free Canada



Nuclear power is obsolete.

- ☐ No new nuclear power reactor has been sold anywhere in North America for over ten years. Since Chernobyl, plans for expanding the nuclear industry in the USSR have ground to a halt. The Philippines permanently closed its newly constructed (and only) nuclear plant after Chernobyl. Many European countries, including Sweden, Austria, and Italy, have decided to phase out nuclear power. When Margaret Thatcher privatized the British electricity industry in 1989, nobody wanted the nuclear plants; since then three new reactors have been canceled and a phase-out of the British nuclear industry seems inevitable. Australia and New Zealand have non-nuclear policies.
- ☐ Nuclear power has been rejected by the public. Asking the same question every year, Gallup found that cross-Canada support for the expansion of nuclear power withered from 46% to 16% from 1978 to 1988. A Decima poll taken in June, 1989, found that the "Canadian public opinion is firmly rooted against the use of nuclear energy to generate electricity in Canada."
- ☐ Canada is out of step with world trends and public opinion. Twenty nuclear power reactors now operate in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Ontario, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan are currently considering proposals for new reactors. Ontario and Saskatchewan have operating uranium mines. New mines have recently been proposed for Saskatchewan and the North West Territories. *Following are some of the reasons why Canada should be phasing out, rather than expanding, the nuclear industry:*

Nuclear power is dangerous.

- ☐ Nuclear reactors are inherently dangerous. Catastrophic releases of radiation can occur as a result of nuclear accidents. There have been major accidents at Windscale in England, Three Mile Island in the US, and Chernobyl in the USSR. Meltdowns can occur in CANDU reactors and CANDU safety systems, including the containment system, can fail. The massive pressure tube rupture at Pickering in 1983 illustrates that CANDU reactors are not immune to catastrophic accidents.

- ☐ Neither the nuclear industry nor the insurance industry is prepared to stand behind the claim that the CANDU is safe. Read your insurance policy; your property is not covered in the event of radioactive contamination! In addition, an Act of Parliament completely exempts manufacturers from liability in case of an accident, and limits the liability of nuclear plant owners to a fraction of the estimated damages.
- ☐ There is growing concern over the adverse health effects from normal operation of nuclear reactors. Some countries -- but not Canada -- have sharply lowered the permissible levels of radiation exposure for both workers and the public. Health studies have shown increased rates of cancer, birth defects and other health problems because of exposure to radioactive pollution.

Nuclear power is unnecessary.

- ☐ There are safer, cheaper, and more reliable alternatives to nuclear power. Increased energy efficiency (doing more with less) and energy conservation (cutting down on waste) have great potential, especially since Canada squanders more energy per person than does any other country in the world. New technologies, ranging from efficient lightbulbs and motors to effective insulation, exist to slash electricity use dramatically without diminishing electrical services.
- ☐ Electricity can be produced more economically through industrial cogeneration (simultaneous generation within an industry of electricity and heat from the same fuel source) and small-scale, decentralized generators, such as small hydro-electric plants. Besides, eighty-five percent of our energy needs are non-electrical, and electricity-producing reactors are not able to meet these needs in a cost-effective manner.

Nuclear power can't solve global warming.

- ☐ If Canada were to replace all coal-fired electricity with nuclear power, we'd only reduce greenhouse gas emissions by ten percent. Energy efficiency has far greater potential to reduce greenhouse gasses. It is cheaper, faster, environmentally sustainable, and is not limited to replacing electricity. In fact, each dollar invested in

energy efficiency displaces seven times as much carbon dioxide from fossil fuel burning than does the same dollar spent on nuclear power.

- ☐ To replace all of its current oil, gas and coal use, the world would have to build about 80,000 medium-sized reactors. It would take over 200 years to build them even at the rate of one a day, and the cost would be staggering. And common sense tells us that we must not trade one environmental problem for another.

Nuclear power is dirty.

- ☐ Nuclear reactors create hundreds of radioactive waste materials which are extremely toxic even in minute quantities. Most of them are contained in the used reactor fuel, which will remain extraordinarily dangerous for millions of years. There is no proven method for safely storing these wastes over their entire hazardous lifetimes.
- ☐ Uranium mining and processing threaten workers, nearby residents, native culture, and the environment. The mill wastes, called tailings, contain many dangerous radioactive materials, as well as toxic chemicals such as heavy metals. Spills and leaching from mine sites contaminate river systems and lakes. And the tailings will continue to produce large amounts of deadly radon gas, spreading radioactive fallout over vast areas for hundreds of thousands of years.

Nuclear power is unreliable.

- ☐ After a promising first decade, CANDUs are beginning to experience serious technical problems. The pressure tubes, which hold the nuclear fuel, are deteriorating much faster than expected. At the Pickering and Bruce reactors in Ontario, the splitting open of tubes during full power operation caused shutdowns of up to four years for repairs that have cost hundreds of millions of dollars.
- ☐ Clogged steam generators are also causing unexpected reactor shutdowns. Unreliable nuclear performance is starting to cause power shortages in Ontario.

Nuclear power is expensive.

- ☐ Despite 45 years of government-funded development and many billions of dollars in subsidies, the nuclear industry still cannot stand on its own two feet. Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. still receives \$200 million each year as a gift from Canadian taxpayers, even though the Mulroney government promised to cut this annual handout down to \$100 million by 1990.
- ☐ Nuclear proponents underestimate the cost of nuclear power. They exclude from their calculations the value of the subsidies they have received, the freedom from financial liability they enjoy, and the preferential interest rates they receive for construction. Inaccurate estimates of the productivity of reactors also make them seem

more attractive financially than they really are.

- ☐ The nuclear industry has no realistic cost estimates for dismantling the radioactive hulks of defunct reactors or of disposing of the high-level radioactive wastes. In Britain, such costs were recently estimated to exceed \$30 billion.
- ☐ There are no adequate financial provisions to dispose of approximately 175 million tonnes of radioactive uranium tailings dumped on the surface of the earth in various Canadian locations.

Nuclear power creates few jobs.

- ☐ Nuclear plants create few permanent jobs per dollar invested. Although many are employed during a plant's construction, its maintenance and operation require a relatively small work force. Money invested in virtually any other sector of the economy creates more permanent jobs. Nuclear industry workers should be provided with full support for retraining and relocation to new jobs.

Nuclear power is linked to nuclear weapons.

- ☐ Canada is the world's largest producer and exporter of uranium. Uranium has only two ultimate destinations: nuclear weapons or radioactive wastes. Uranium used in the World War II Atomic Bomb Project was processed in Canada. From 1940 to 1965 Canadian companies sold uranium under military contracts for use in nuclear weapons. Although Canadian uranium is now sold only for peaceful uses, Canada has no real control over how it is used once it is exported.
- ☐ Canadian reactors produce more plutonium as a by-product than do most reactors of other designs. Plutonium is the primary nuclear explosive used in the nuclear arsenals of the world. In 1974, India detonated an atomic bomb using plutonium produced in a research reactor given to her by Canada. By selling reactors overseas, Canada is making available to other countries the raw material from which atomic bombs can be made.
- ☐ If the use of nuclear power were significantly expanded, economically recoverable reserves of uranium would be quickly depleted, and plutonium would have to be used as a fuel. Any criminal organization or terrorist group stealing plutonium fuel could make its own atomic bombs.
- ☐ Tritium, a by-product of CANDU reactors and a key component of nuclear weapons, is in very short supply for the US military. Ontario Hydro decided in 1989 to export tritium even though the exports will free up tritium for nuclear weapons. (CX4000)

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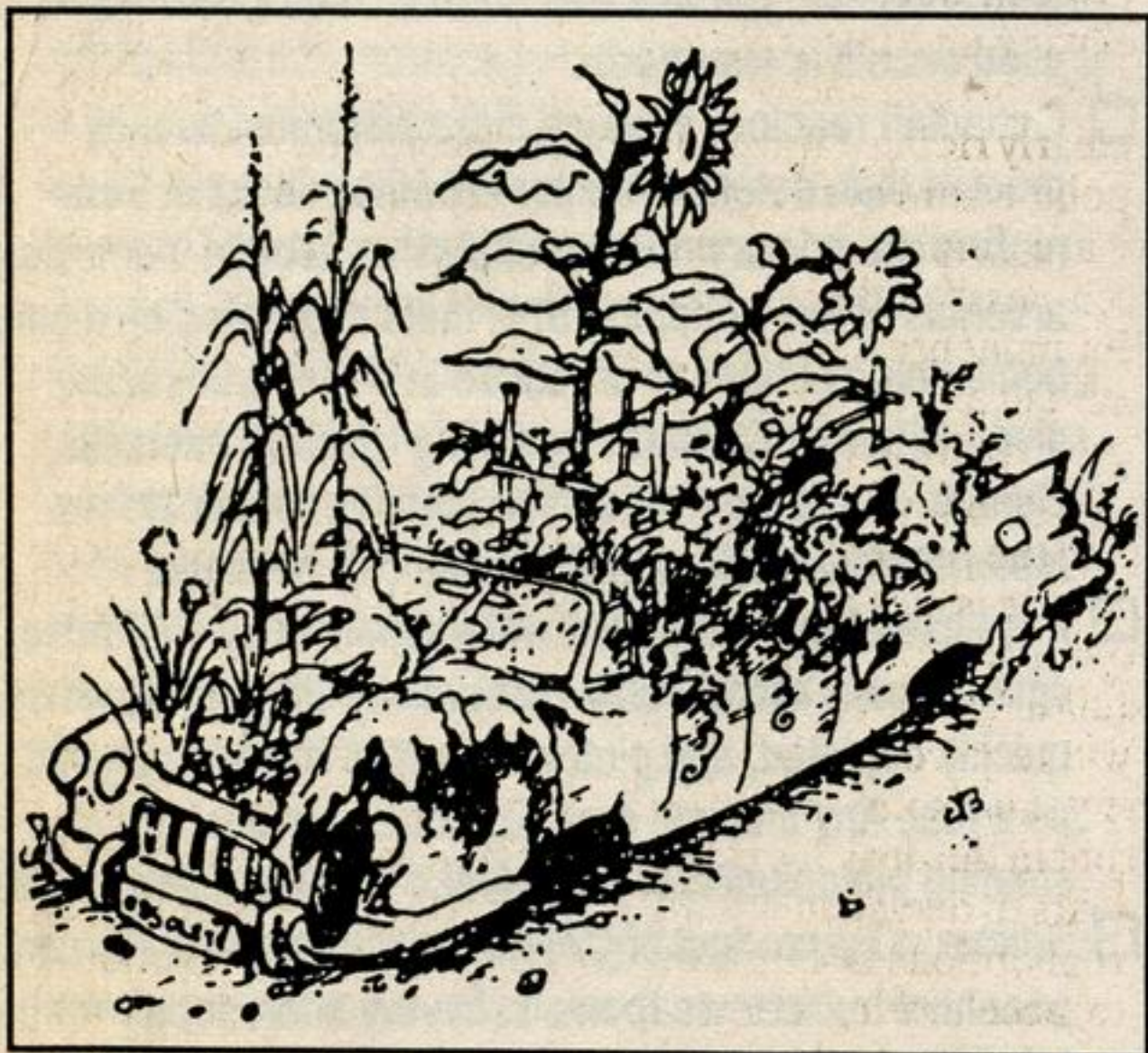
What's Left?: Environmentalists and Radical Politics

By Rick Williams

Dramatic changes are afoot on the world stage, and it seems that they have precipitated the political left in developed countries like Canada into a state of crisis and transformation. No dominant thinkers have come forward to define what it is we are now experiencing, or to give voice and coherence to the new aspirations which events are forcing us to search for. This doesn't mean that we are simply sliding into chaos, although it may often feel that way to many of us: as Marx observed of his own revolutionary epoch, you can't judge an age by its consciousness of itself.

Traditionally, left politics in the West has tried to raise social awareness of the root causes of exploitation and oppression and lead the struggle to democratize economic and social life. The goal of socialist political activity has been to redirect the use of the immense productive capabilities of a modern industrial society towards socially useful and rational purposes.

One major task of the left has been to challenge the dominance of those elite groups that perpetuate the status quo to protect their own positions of power and privilege. It has also tried to mobilize and educate social movements in order to expand popular control in key areas of social and economic life – to build a new society “within the shell of the old.”



Throughout the post-war era, this mixture of analysis and practical political instincts has supplied the Canadian left with its basic goals and strategies. During the long economic boom that stretched into the early '70s, social democratic politics had a particularly clear focus: the massive wealth generated at the centre of the economy had to be redistributed. Workers would increase their share of the pie through unionization and collective bargaining. A continually expanding welfare state would meet the needs of

the poor, the disabled and the elderly. Poorer regions would be helped along through public enterprises, and the community at large would benefit from a vast system of publicly funded services and cultural resources. A strong centralized state, an instrument of popular will, was seen as an essential counterbalance to what remained the driving force of the economy, private corporate capital.

While sharing many of the same basic values, the more radical among us rejected this “redistributionist” politics. Some saw the state as the principal enemy of workers and other oppressed groups, and so opted to work, not to influence or capture state power, but rather to undermine it. The welfare state in particular was attacked as a pervasive machine of social control.

Those with a strong grounding in Marxist theory tended to focus on the “accumulation process” – those basic mechanisms of capitalist economic growth that were seen to produce ever more social, regional and international inequality even as the total amount of wealth produced grew. This radical tradition of political economy has, within the left, always provided the strongest challenge to the redistributionist politics of the NDP, supporting both the struggle to defend the “social wage” (that is, the public sector), and the vision of a strong, progressive and democratic state.

Through its critical analysis of capitalist economic growth, radical political economy has also provided some potentially important theoretical bridges to the environmental movement. But its great weakness, perhaps, has been its failure to put forward a practical political vision of how we might structure and manage an alternative economic system.

Despite wide differences on many issues, social democrats and more radical thinkers of the left have implicitly shared one fundamental perspective – the certainty of future economic growth. Whether we were for redistribution or for radical restructuring, we have all assumed that expanding economic activity would generate new productive forces which could, if used rationally, provide full employment and raise living standards in the poorer regions of Canada, and even in the most impoverished nations of the world. In this region, for example, there is implicit support on the left for what a friend calls “Stalinist economics” – the view that new steel mills and automobile plants are the only real antidote to our economic marginality.

All of those ideas are part of a more or less unified ideology that is now in crisis as a result of contemporary intellectual and political upheaval. Without going into great detail, I would identify three principle trends in recent history that have given rise to the crisis of the left.

The first, obviously, is the dramatic breakdown of the hegemony of the communist parties in Eastern Europe, a collapse brought on both by the failure of the system in practical economic terms and the popular struggles for

democratic rights. Although few on the Canadian left have identified with the bureaucratic centralism of the Soviet model, it has always seemed significant to us that so many nations continued to reject the capitalist way of life. As these states now endeavour to restructure their political economies, there seems a strong possibility that the socialist baby may get thrown out with the Stalinist bath water. Until the real shape of "post-communism" eventually emerges, events in Eastern Europe will be a continuing public relations embarrassment for Western radicals.

The second trend leading the left to its current dilemma has been the restructuring, led by the Thatcher-Reagan-Mulroney political agenda, of the Western capitalist economies. Traditional working-class political strength has been seriously undermined by free-trade arrangements, technological change and job de-skilling, policies of high unemployment, cuts to social programmes, freezes on hiring and wages, union busting strategies and the increasing mobility of international capital. Left-wing political parties with their base in the working class have been on the defensive everywhere as capital becomes more and more unfettered and better able to set its own rules.

The third, and perhaps most interesting trend, has been the dramatic shift in the sources of creative political action and opposition in the West. Over the past decade or so, the most profound challenges to the dominant order have come not from class conflict in traditional Marxist terms – clashes between industrial workers and factory owners – but from struggles of groups that Marxist have often depicted as "marginal" or "unproductive": racial and linguistic minorities, women and independent producers. Oppositional political action has also come from recently forged "single issue" political movements, most importantly the peace and environmental crusades.

The women's movement in particular has created a new ideological and practical base for political action. It has challenged the left with new values, issues, strategies and methods. Traditional working class organizations are being reformed and revitalized by the expanding presence of women, both in the workplace and the union hall. Slowly but surely, the labour movement is being revitalized by a new set of concerns and priorities that encompass personal and social issues in the community as well as in the workplace. Many old-line leftists will be dragged kicking and screaming into a non-sexist environment, but it seems clear most will get there one way or another.

The politics of the environmental movement are much more problematic: it is not yet clear how the "greens" will interact with the Canadian left and the popular movements which are its natural constituency. Environmentalism is emerging, almost as a new religion, bringing light and meaning into the lives of upper-middle class people who are burnt out after a decade of hyperconsumerism. Within the movement, with a few important exceptions, there has been little hard-edge analysis of ways to go about saving the world (the task that, in their great humility, the greens have taken upon themselves). Most environmentalists have given little serious thought to the radical economic, and therefore political, changes that their agenda is certain to require. Much work remains to be done in this area.

This challenge before the environmental movement



clearly relates to the crisis of the traditional left. Each movement has something the other needs.

Environmentalists have a head start in their recognition of the poverty of growth-oriented politics and economics. They are also leading the defence against impending ecological disaster. In doing so they have made some progress in developing a political base for green politics, mobilizing and inspiring young people and building links to native people and other threatened communities. They are clearly riding a wave of public concern and emotion, to the point where even right-wing governments and big business are finding it necessary to identify explicitly with "green-ness" and ecological consciousness.

But immense naivete remains. Veterans of the women's movement and the New Left of the '60s and '70s could teach the greens a lot about the perils of success and co-optation. The language of change, be it "peace and liberation" or "saving the planet," quickly loses its power when it is used to obscure issues of real political conflict on the one hand, or to sell commodities on the other.

Building a different kind of economy and a green way of life will require a radically new way of making decisions in society, and some powerful vested interests are going to lose out in the deal. David Suzuki argues that we have about ten years to decide to live differently: after that we will have few real options because we will be too busy just responding to accelerating crises. French ecologist Andre Gorz foresees a new authoritarianism emerging from environmental breakdown. He sees the possibility of a new ruling class emerging, made up of scientists and technocrats who will impose their solutions on a traumatized and forcefully controlled population.

If the long struggle for human rights and participatory democracy is not to be abandoned in the face of ecological crisis, the greens will have to develop a practical politics and build a social base. To accomplish this, they will have

to plug into the socialist and feminist traditions of popular struggle and leadership through which the needs and aspirations of particular groups in particular places get linked to wider organizations and are given coherence and focus.

The greens will have to learn that while seals are important they don't vote, they don't join in protest marches and they don't sit down together to decide how the world is to be "saved". Human beings do all those things, and as recent events in Southern Africa and Eastern Europe so clearly prove, when people get together they can move mountains. It is time the greens stopped waiting for the mountain to come to them. And when they do go to mountain, they will need a lot of other people with them if they really want to make it move.

For its part, the left's great strength has been its commitment to human freedom and development and its effectiveness in mobilizing popular movements to fight for those things. Most of what is decent and progressive about Canadian society can be attributed in one way or another to political actions that were originally inspired and led by people on the left. These same instincts and capacities now have to be focussed on the tasks of imagining and fighting for a democratic, egalitarian society that isn't dependent on ever-expanding consumption and destruction of the natural world.

The left simply must come to grips with the limits of growth. Democratization of the economy and the redistribution of wealth are still fundamental issues on which to challenge capitalist dominance, but of themselves they are insufficient. The public imagination has been seized with both the dream of a clean, healthy and safe environment, and the fear of ecological disaster. There is a growing confusion on the left about the goals of popular struggle, given the contradictions between economic growth and expanding consumerism on the one hand, and the deterioration of the natural environment and of public health and well-being on the other.

What this country needs is a new synthesis of ideas. We need to combine the popular politics and radical humanism of the socialist left, the creativity and person-to-person effectiveness of feminism, and the energy and future-mindedness of the greens. Feminism and socialism have their

intellectual roots in the social sciences – in understandings about how people grow, change and are affected by their social environment. The ecology movement seems to be rooted more in the natural sciences and in understanding about the strengths and limits of the bio-system as a whole. To conceive a better world, to go out and fight for it, and eventually to win it, will require a merging of all this knowledge and understanding.

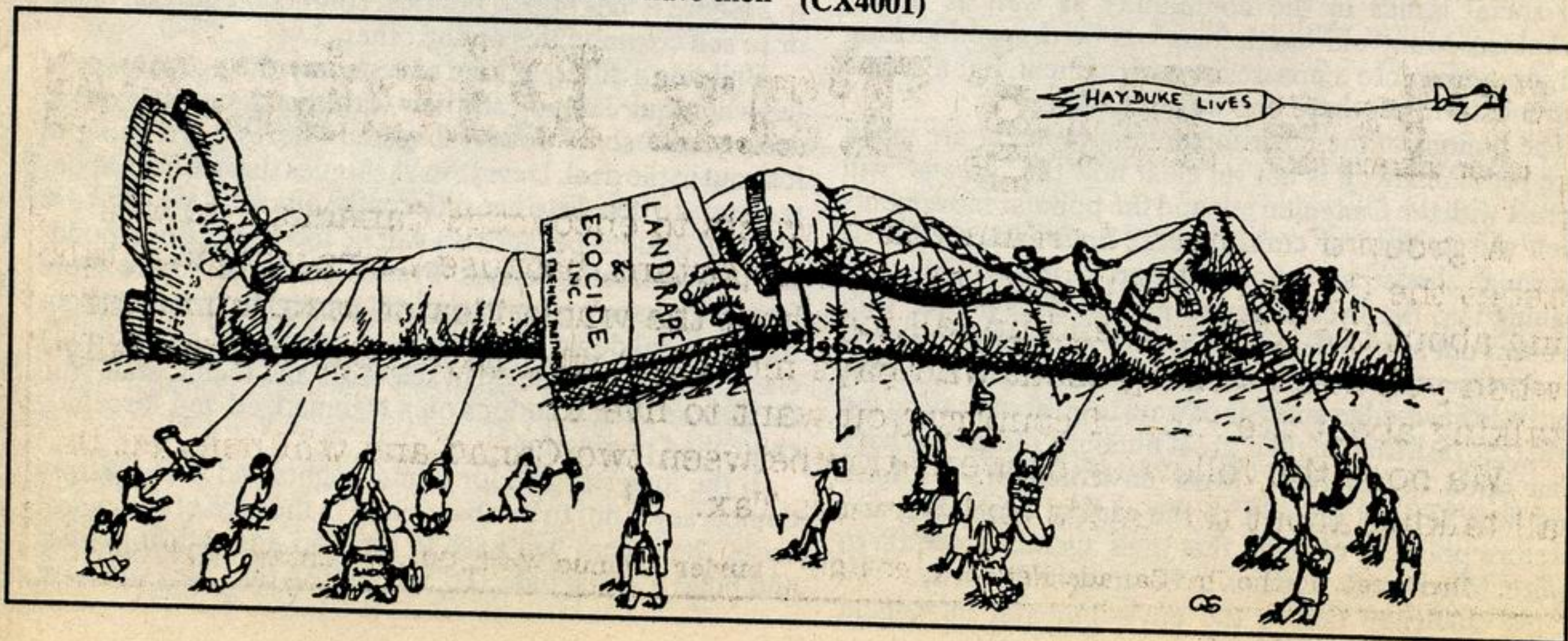
I started thinking about all of this at a recent gathering of the region's labour leaders when David Suzuki addressed the delegates. At the end his speech, the audience gave him a heartfelt standing ovation. They were then given an opportunity to ask the speaker a few questions. The first person to the microphone was Donnie MacRae, a leader of the coal miners' union in Cape Breton. He said with obvious emotion that he understood now why coal mining would soon have to be phased out, but he just didn't know what he was going to say to his 2,500 union members who had no other way of making living. Suzuki was unable to offer any real help or advice.

In that question lies the fundamental challenge facing the environmental movement – how to build a broadly based popular movement for ecological transformation that does not exclude and alienate the people who make their livings in industries that pollute and destroy. Environmentalists will have to get together with the left and others if we are to find an answer to Donnie MacRae's question, and we will have to work to make his union members participants in the change rather than victims of it.

In the audience's warm response to Suzuki, I got a glimpse of a potential new role for the left in Canada and beyond. What if environmentalism became a working-class issue, a focus of broadly based popular mobilization and political action? What if we were able to merge longstanding struggles for equality, democracy and economy justice with the battle for a safe and healthy natural environment?

Well, then, number Twenty-one might just become a pretty interesting century.

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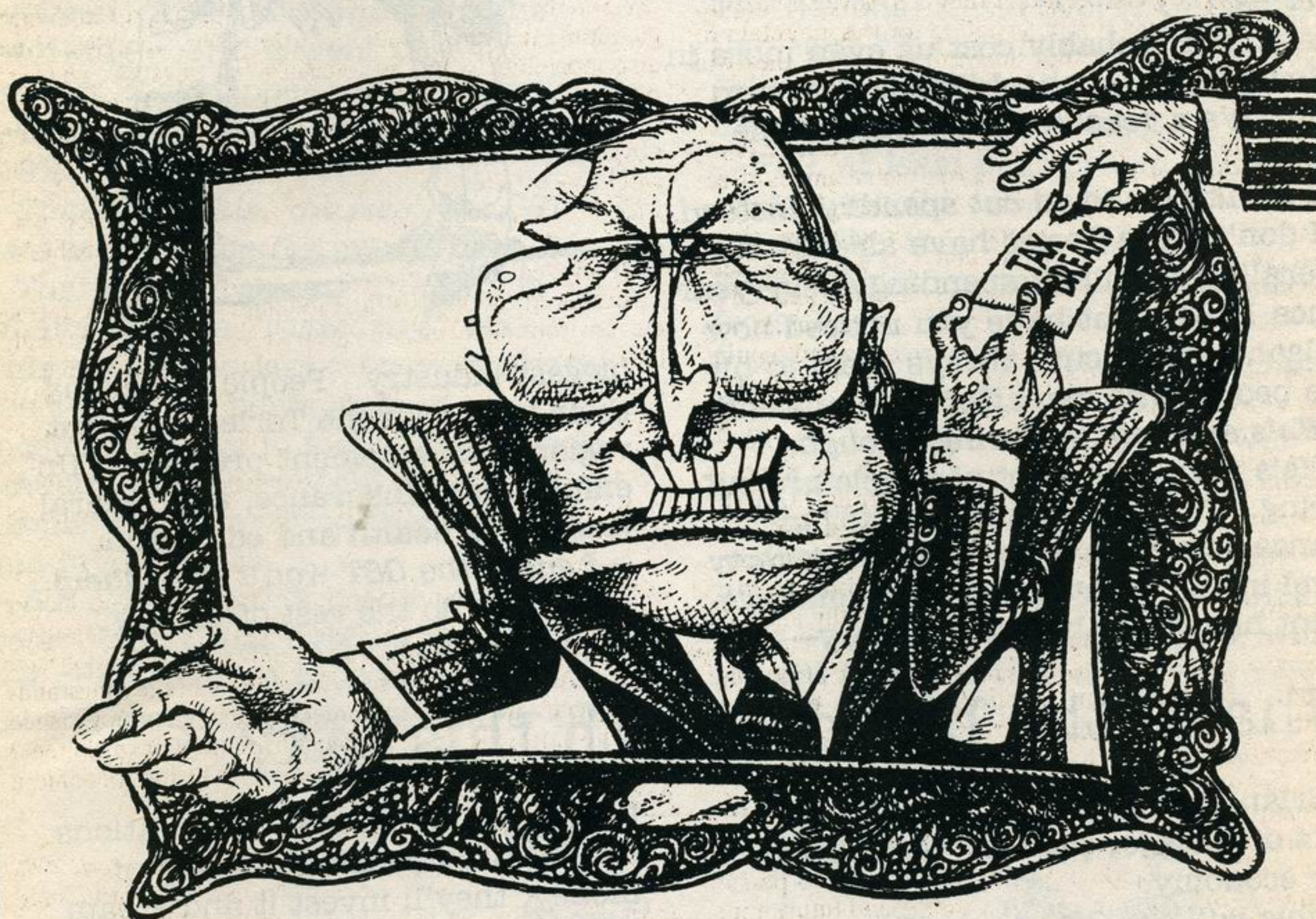
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CAMPAIGN
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The Big Tax Picture

A group of concerned organizations wants to encourage Canadians to talk about the Goods and Services Tax. It's important, because when you start talking about the GST, you end up talking about the whole idea of taxation. And when you start talking about who pays more and who pays less, you're really talking about the kind of country you want to live in.

We hope the following conversation between two Canadians will help get us all talking about the Goods and Services Tax.

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What do you think of the GST?

—Well, I'm like most Canadians—I'm against it.

—*I've got a feeling it's really going to cost us.*

—And it'll probably cost us even more in a few years. Michael Wilson seems to think it's a "cash cow" to pay off the deficit.

—*I think he should cut spending instead.*

—I don't. The Tories have already cut overall government spending every year since 1984. But have you noticed how Wilson's worst cuts always seem to hit the people who can afford them least?

—*He's sure not suffering, though.*

—He's rich. But a lot of people **are** suffering. Take Newfoundland, for instance. They have the highest poverty level in the country. Tory mismanagement has really hurt the fishery—their



biggest industry. People are losing their jobs. But the Tories have cut regional development programs, Unemployment Insurance, and federal grants for health and education.

—*I guess the GST won't help **them**.*

—It won't do the rest of us any favours either.

What's the big idea with this tax?

—Brian Mulroney says the GST is part of a bigger plan to "revitalize" our economy.

—*How will the GST do that?*

—The GST means big companies won't pay federal sales tax any more. This should increase their sales and profits.

—*But won't it raise a lot less tax money?*

—No. Someone else will pay more to make up the difference.

—*Who's that?*

—You and me. Consumers.

—*I don't get it. How is making us poorer going to help our economy?*

—The Tories' idea of economics is

that if you make sure corporations and wealthy people have lots of money, they'll invest it and create jobs for everyone.

—*How do we know they'll do that?*

—We don't. It's just a theory.

—*Some theory! If the GST gives companies big tax breaks, what's to stop them from putting the extra money in the bank, or investing in other countries?*

—Nothing at all. If you ask me, the GST doesn't have much to do with fixing the economy. It's all just part of the Mulroney tradition of helping the rich get richer.

Michael Wilson said he was making the system fairer!

—That's what he said, but under "tax reform," income tax for a middle-income family went up 10% between 1984 and 1988. For the "working poor," it went up 44%.

—What about upper income families?

—Their taxes actually went **down** 5.9%.

—That's not fair. At least the GST rate is the same for everyone.

—That's the problem. The GST is what's called a "regressive" tax. This means the less money you have, the bigger the percentage of your income you pay in tax. The GST will actually hit poor people harder. Rich people won't pay it on their savings and investments.

—But there's a GST credit for the poor. Won't that balance it out?

—A quarter of all poor people won't get the credit because they never fill

out a tax form. Also, the credits won't keep up with inflation. They'll actually shrink by 3% every year.

The National Anti-Poverty Organization says "the credits are poorly designed and will not be received by many who need them most."

—Well, at least poor people will get a break with the lower 7% rate.

—Actually, they'll be worse off.

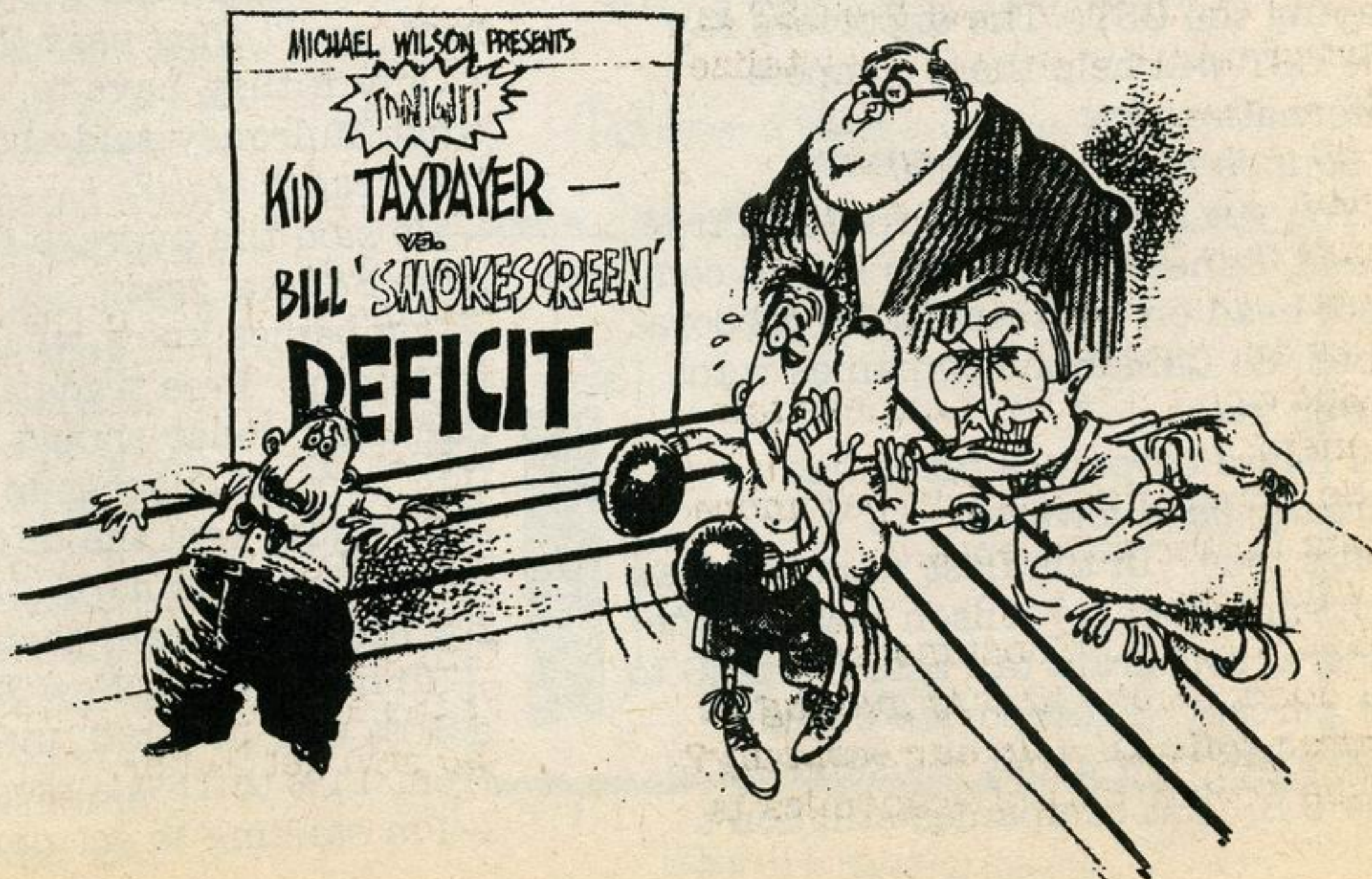
When Wilson reduced the GST rate from 9% to 7%, he cut the credits from \$2.4 billion to only \$1.3 billion.

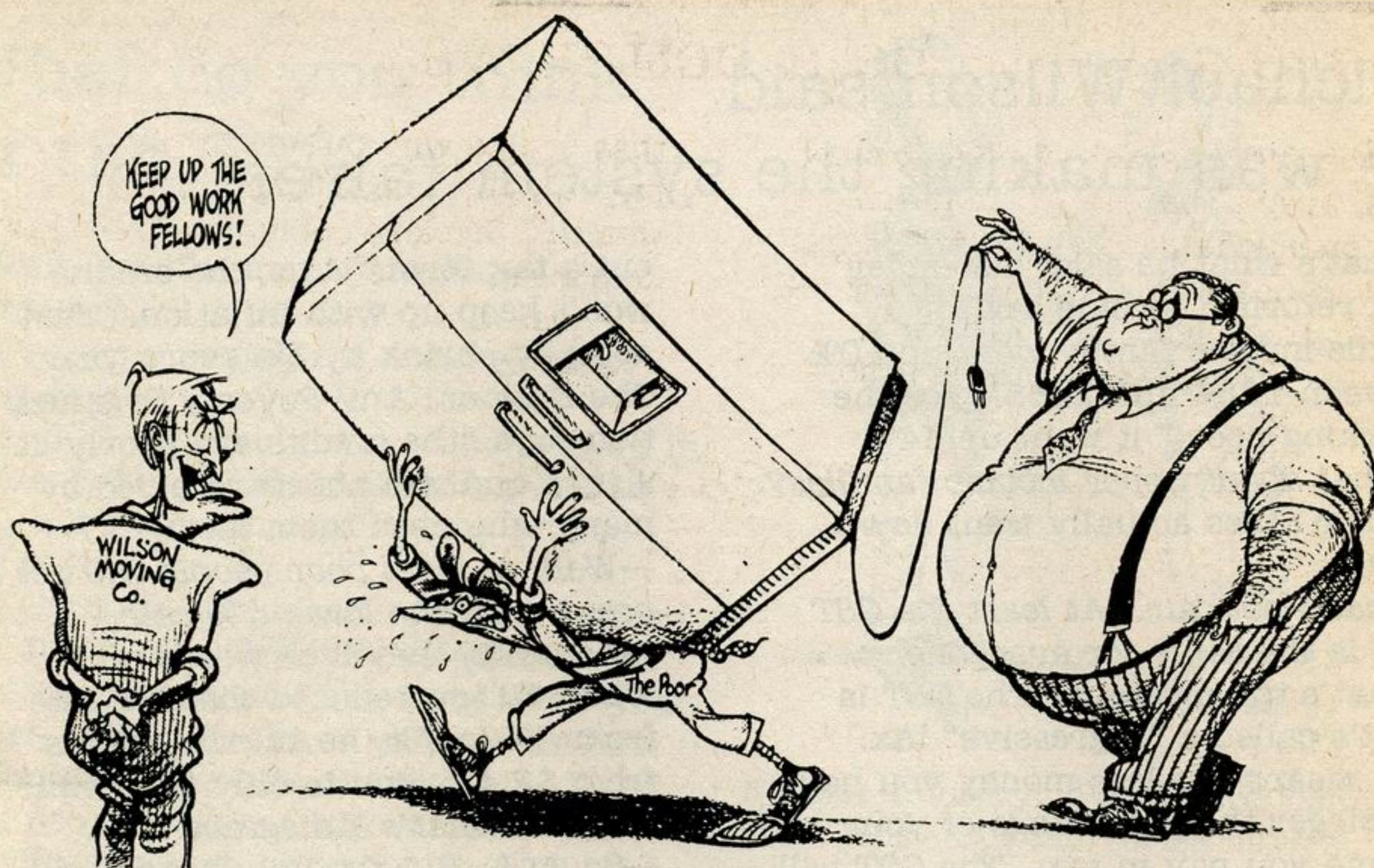
—I think that's a disgrace.

—So do I. But the only people who **could** pay more tax support the GST.

—Who's that?

—Mostly only one bunch of people—Big Business. Groups like the Business Council on National Issues, who lobbied hard for free trade, are now saying we **must** have the GST.





Why does Big Business support the GST?

—I figure if someone supports a tax, it's because they know they won't be paying it. Under the GST, business won't pay any tax on exports. So while exporters increase their profits, we'll make up the difference by paying the GST. The exporters say the GST will help them compete internationally.

—*Sounds like free trade!*

—You got it! Now that we have free trade, Canadian business has to compete head on with American corporations. So Canadian companies want lower taxes.

—*I heard corporate taxes had already been lowered.*

—It's true. In the first round of "tax reform," Michael Wilson lowered the federal corporate tax rate from 36 to 28 percent. So corporate income taxes are now about the same as in the U.S. But companies still don't

like paying federal sales tax.

—*So they won't be paying the GST?*

—A few will, but most firms will get their money back. Consumers will pay the full GST at the store.

—*But if companies get big tax savings, won't they pass them on to us?*

—Only if they have to. Remember what Mulroney said about prices and free trade?

—*He said the average family would save \$800 a year.*

—Companies know what we're used to paying. Free trade and the high Canadian dollar should have made U.S. imports cheaper in 1989—but sellers just kept the difference.

—*It sounds like a 7% GST will probably boost inflation, then.*

—Uh-huh. When New Zealand put on a 10% GST in 1986, inflation went from 11% to 18% almost overnight!

—*I'm starting to get nervous*

There's got to be a better way.

—If the GST is stacked against most of us, aren't there ways to make sure everyone pays their fair share?
—Not to hear Wilson or Mulroney tell it. But there are. We could make income tax more “progressive” so

that people who make more money pay a higher rate. Or put a tax on wealth. Or close some corporate tax loopholes.

—Whoa! Let's take these ideas one at a time.

Don't high income earners pay a higher tax rate than the rest of us?

—Not as high as they used to. In the early 1970's anyone earning over \$400,000 paid a tax rate of 57.6% on each additional dollar they made. Until 1988 we still had ten different tax brackets.

—Is that when Wilson decided to “simplify” the system?

—That was his excuse. He made just three federal brackets with a top rate of only 29%. That's not much above the middle rate of 26%.

—It's almost like a “flat tax” where everyone pays the same rate no matter how much they make.

—Right. All that talk about “simplifying” the system was just a smokescreen. There's nothing complicated about having ten different categories. People just look at the tables when they do their taxes anyway.

—Would a more progressive income tax fix the system?

—It'd be a good start, but it wouldn't cover all the ways the rich avoid taxes. We could also tax what they own—stocks and bonds, real estate, and

other investments. Most European countries have a wealth tax.

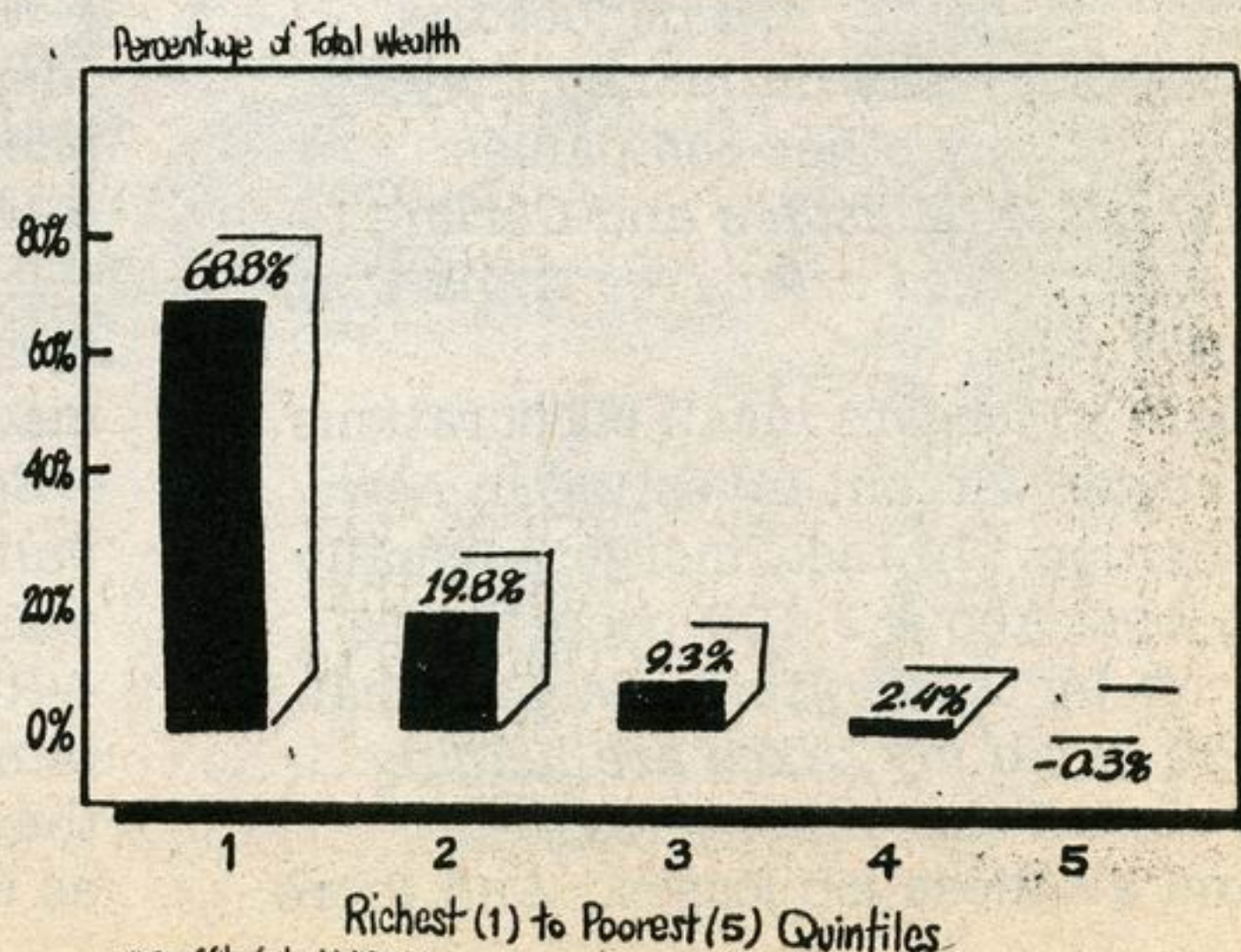
—How does that work?

—It's simple. Every year in countries like West Germany, Norway, and Denmark people add up everything they own. They subtract their debts from that and only pay tax on their net wealth above a certain amount.

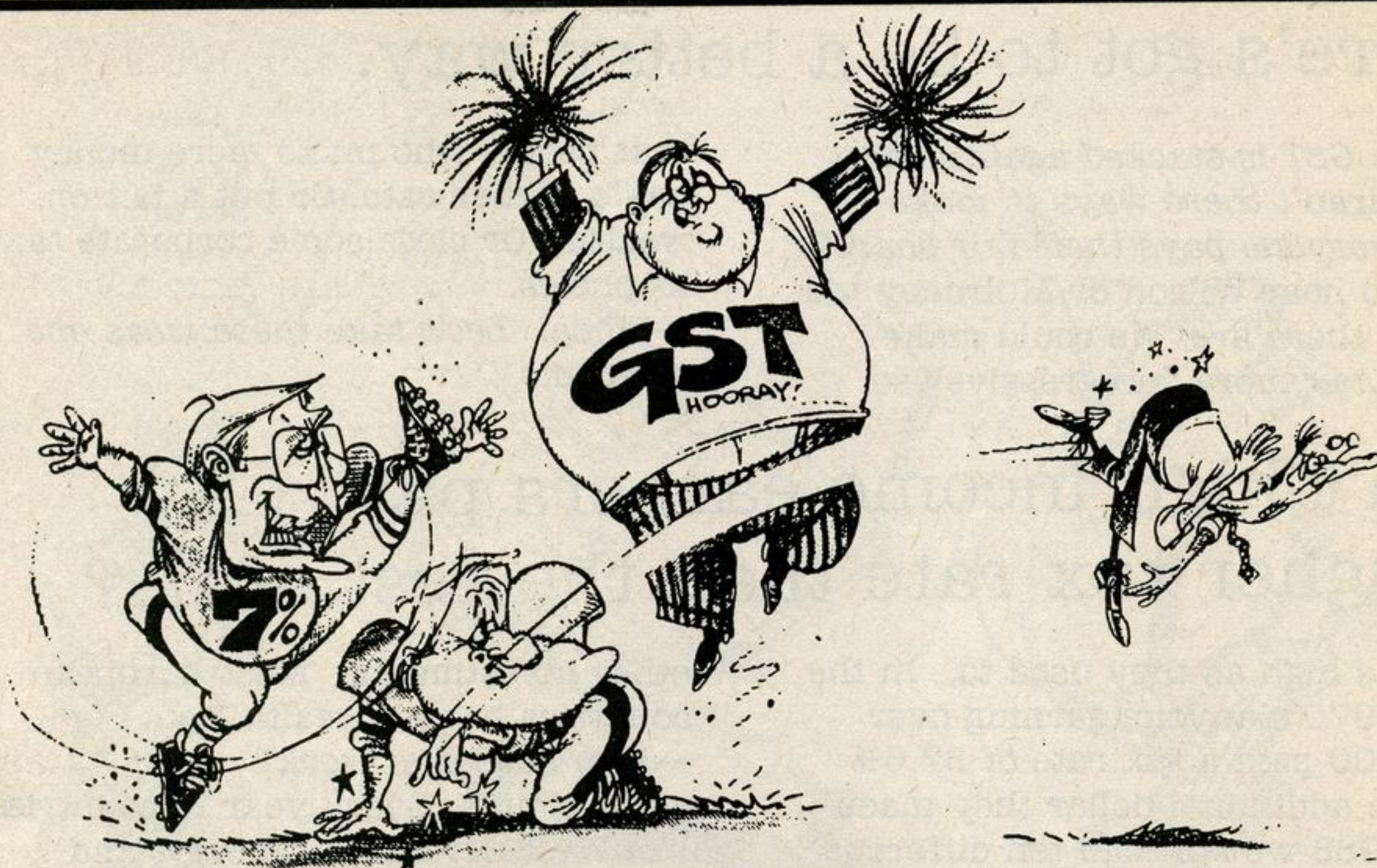
—Who would have to pay it here?

—A 1% to 2% net wealth tax would collect billions every year even if it only applied to the richest 20% of Canadians. And they can afford it. They own 69% of the country.

Distribution of Wealth in Canada, 1984:
DIVISION BY QUINTILES*



* One fifth of the total population
Source: Statistics Canada, No 13-888



Some companies pay zero income tax.

—What? I thought everyone paid some taxes.

—Not in the corporate world. In 1987 there were 93,405 corporations in Canada who paid no income

tax at all.

—How many?

—93,405. Together they made \$27 billion in tax-free profits.

How do they get away with it?

—There are a lot of deductions that only corporations can get. For example, companies can deduct the interest they pay on money they borrow to buy other companies.

—Like when Molson's and Carling O'Keefe merged after free trade went through?

—Right. Mergers mean corporations get bigger without investing in new production. In fact, mergers usually cost jobs. About 1,400 people were laid off by the Molson's-Carling deal.

—You mean my taxes are helping pay for all those mergers?

—And all those job losses. And there

are other loopholes.

—Like what?

—Well, real estate developers use "depreciation allowances" to avoid a pile of taxes.

—What's a depreciation allowance?

—It's a tax break that lets companies deduct the cost of buying new machinery or buildings.

—So developers get tax breaks for building skyscrapers that go up in value?

—Right. It's crazy! Prime real estate is worth more every year. Yet they can deduct the cost of buildings as though they "wore out."

—No wonder some people make a mint in real estate!

—Some companies use depreciation allowances to put off paying taxes for years. These "deferred" taxes **should** be collected later. But if the company buys new equipment it gets new tax deductions every year.

—How long can they put off paying?

—An executive from Consolidated Bathurst once told a reporter: "If you ask me when we expect to pay these [deferred taxes], I'll tell you 'never'."

The rich do okay, don't they?

—I haven't even mentioned the "business entertainment deduction." Did you know companies could write off 80% of the cost of fancy lunches and golf club memberships as part of the cost of "doing business"?

—What!?! What does that cost us?

—It's hard to say. Revenue Canada doesn't keep score. But some tax experts figure we could collect an extra billion dollars a year by dropping this deduction. Australia and Britain already have.

—Revenue Canada doesn't keep score?

—No. It audits less than 2% of corporations each year. It's kind of stupid, because for every dollar the government spends checking up on corporations, it collects seventeen in taxes.

—I don't see why there are so many special rules for business and different ones for the rest of us.

—But these deferred taxes can't be that big.

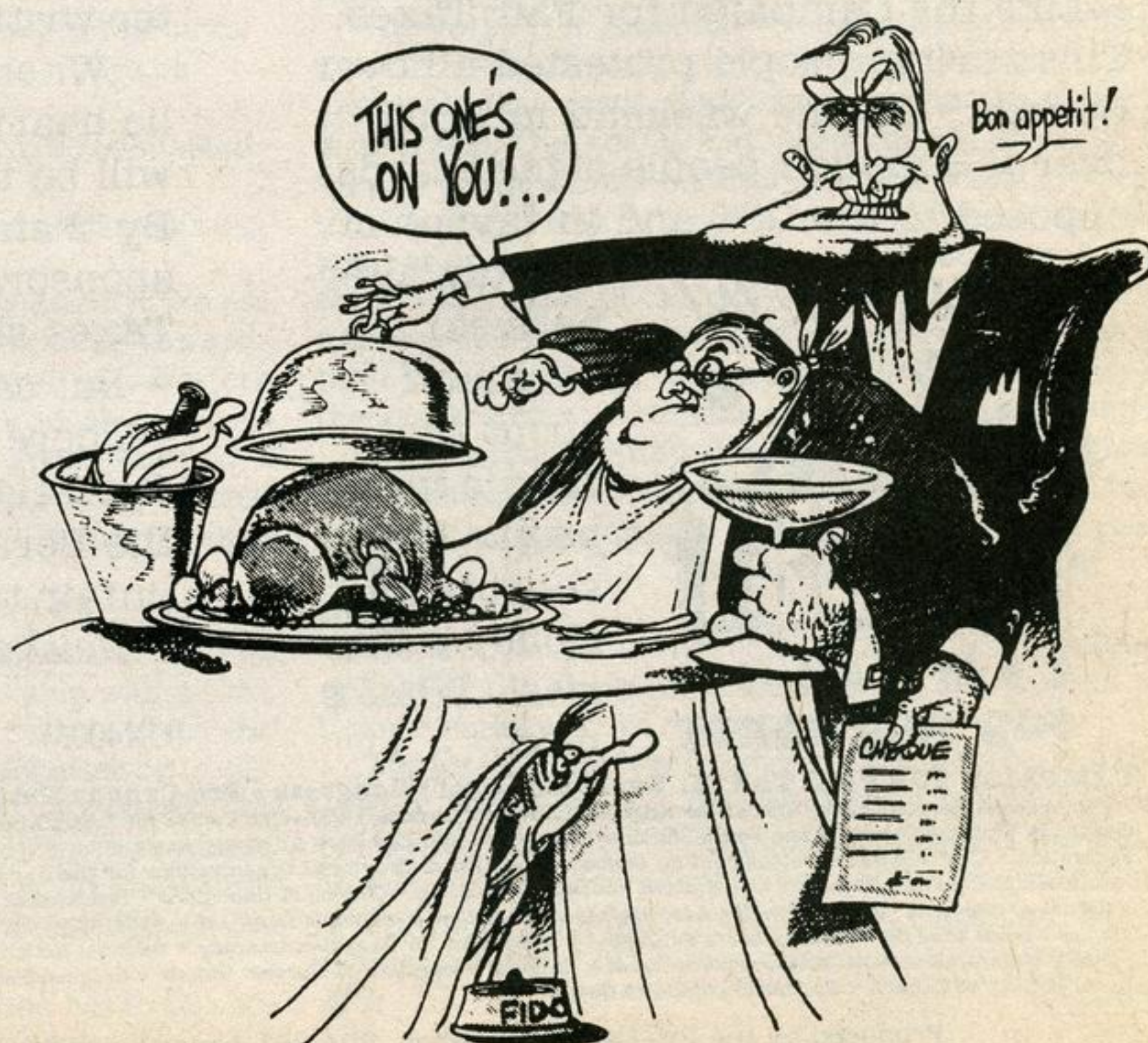
—Wanna bet? According to Statistics Canada, deferred taxes totalled \$33.9 billion in 1986.

—Why don't we just collect these back taxes?

—We'd have to change the rules over a few years to give companies time to adjust. But in the meantime, if companies had to pay interest on their deferred taxes, we could collect a lot more revenue.

—It doesn't have to be that complicated. In the 1960's, a Royal Commission suggested that we should tax every source of income the same. "A buck is a buck is a buck," they said. But powerful business people got together to make sure the tax system kept working in their favour.

—Some things never change, eh?



You know that saying, "the rich get richer . . . ?"

—"And the poor get poorer?"

—Yeah. *It sounds like our tax system helps keep it that way . . .*

—Yup. And with the rest of Michael Wilson's "tax reform," the GST makes it even worse.

Most Canadians wouldn't mind paying taxes if the system were fairer. If corporations and the rich paid their fair share, we wouldn't need a Goods & Services Tax.

There'd also be enough money to restore some of the Tory spending cuts that really hurt people.

—*Like the money they took away from Unemployment Insurance?*

—Yes. And daycare. And rail service. And health. And education. And pensions.

What can one person do?

—Together with a lot of other people, quite a bit. And all sorts of organizing is already going on.

—*Like what?*

—Like the Campaign for Fair Taxes. This spring, people protested all over Canada. On one weekend in April, over 2.2 million people signed cards opposed to the GST and in favour of

fair tax alternatives.

—*I heard about that. That's more people than support Mulroney's Tories! What's next?*

—There's stuff planned everywhere: rallies, demonstrations, lobbying, letter-writing, you name it!

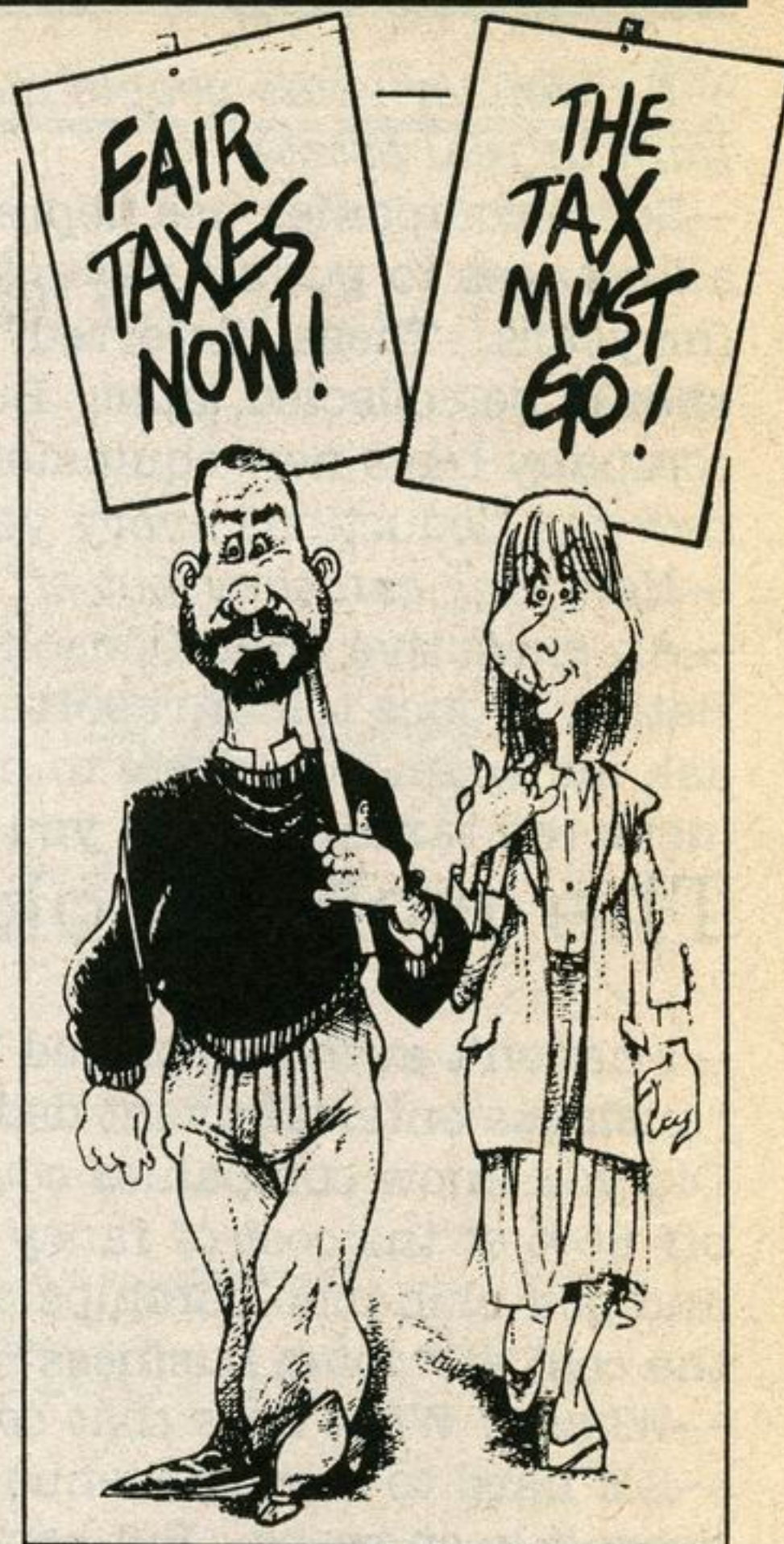
When the Senate finishes its public hearings on the GST, everybody will be talking about tax alternatives. By then, plans for a major protest sponsored by the Campaign for Fair Taxes should be in full swing.

—*But can we really beat this tax?*

—There's only one way to find out. But I figure if people can tear down the Berlin Wall, they can stop an unfair tax. I'm not giving up.

—*Neither am I. Count me in!*

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The 1990 Prague Appeal: Let Us Found a Helsinki Citizens Assembly

The most eloquent symbol of the division of Europe and the world – the Berlin Wall – has collapsed. After many years of anxiety and insecurity, the world is entering an era of great hope. The political landscape is being transformed. For the first time since the end of the Second World War, there is real possibility of constructing new relationships in Europe and the World that do not depend on the threat or use of military force.

However many obstacles remain to be addressed. Many democratic rights have yet to be institutionalized into law. Huge military infrastructures and large stockpiles of weapons are still in place. There are major differences in the level of economic development and standards of living between East and West, North and South, as well as within individual countries. Environmental degradation poses a serious threat to survival and gives rise to new conflicts. National and cultural identities have re-emerged with the desire for self-determination and democracy, but this can and also does lead to a revival of old hatred and fears.

To address these problems will require great creativity and the active participation of citizens and governments. In other words, we still have to establish functioning and sustainable democracies. The discussion about the future shape of various economic systems and about how to develop environmental responsibility has not yet reached its conclusion.

More and more people are becoming convinced

- That it will be necessary to create a new type of security system
- That it is possible to do away with military power blocs
- That it is no longer necessary to maintain troops on foreign territory
- That all weapons of mass destruction can be eliminated and
- That military spending and conventional armaments can be drastically reduced.

Europe is at the crossroads of all this activity. We are witnessing an ever accelerating movement towards democracy in most countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The common journey of all European countries towards security and cooperation is giving Europe a renewed sense of self-confidence and energy. A revitalised Europe could also really contribute to the solution of global problems.

The Helsinki process will continue to be a uniquely useful instrument in the years of transition ahead. The peaceful transition of Europe is unthinkable without the full observance of all human and civil rights, which the governments of Europe have pledged themselves to observe in Helsinki, Madrid, Vienna, and elsewhere. The emphasis placed by these accords on the interdependence of peace, security and human and social rights constitutes an invaluable framework for the non-violent democratic resolution of persistent problems.

The all European process of integration has to be sup-

ported by the general public. The Helsinki process is too important to be left only to the efforts of governments and politicians, who are bound by their own national priorities; it must be continually extended and strengthened by the involvement of citizens of all signatory countries, of course including the Soviet Union, the United States and Canada.

Overcoming the division of Europe is the job, especially of civil society, of citizens acting together in self-organized associations, movements, institutions, initiatives and clubs across national boundaries. It means the creation of new social relationships, new forums of dialogue through which citizens can negotiate with governments and each other, put pressure on political institutions, and indeed, resolve many issues without the direct involvement of governments. It means the expansion of public (i.e. non-state, non-private) spheres of activity and the creation of a European public opinion.

The commitment of politicians to open diplomacy must go beyond the ante-chamber of high politics. It is not just a matter of informing journalists or even consulting non-governmental organizations. The Helsinki process from above has to be complemented by an equally significant Helsinki process from below.

Let us therefore found a Helsinki Citizens Assembly as a permanent forum of the public at which peace and civic groups as well as individuals and institutions representing a broad spectrum of views can exchange experiences, discuss common concerns, and, where possible, formulate joint campaigns and strategies.

The work of the Assembly will be based upon a commitment to commonly held values. It should be based on our awareness that peace, democracy and human rights are inextricable. Our goal is European unity in diversity. We want to create a multi-cultural community that is open to the South and with full rights for all residents, refugees, migrant and indigenous peoples. A community that will respect the rights of the individual and the principles of national self-determination, women's rights, social and trade union rights, as well as the rights of minorities, and that respects ethnic, religious, sexual and other differences.

What seemed unthinkable until recently is becoming a reality; the Europe of the end of the Second Millenium has a chance of transforming itself into a Europe of peace, justice, well being, human dignity and world wide solidarity.

We call on all individuals, groups, and institutions upholding the above-mentioned values and aims to participate in the work of the Assembly.

The first Assembly will be held in Prague, 19-21 October 1990. It will be held in the capital of a country in which twenty years ago one of the most significant of the current "spring of European peoples" was sadly brought to a halt.

For more information contact the Canadian Working Group, c/o 207 - 145 Spruce Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6P1.

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Network News

Actions and Campaigns

Redress for injustices to Chinese

The Chinese Canadian National Council is calling on the Canadian government to acknowledge the injustice and racial discrimination inherent in the Head Tax (from 1885 to 1923) and the Chinese Exclusion Act (from 1923 to 1943). Compensation includes recognizing the suffering that resulted from the legislated discrimination, and returning a sum at least as large as that taken by the tax, to be given to individuals and the community (with special emphasis on senior citizens, public education, and race relations). For more information contact the Chinese Canadian National Council, 500 King Street West, Suite 423, Toronto, Ontario M5V 1L9 (416) 947-9541. (CX4007)

General Electric boycott

INFACT, the organization which led the world-wide campaign against Nestles for its promotion of infant formula, is now calling for a boycott of the General Electric Corporation. INFACT is targeting GE because of its role in promoting and building nuclear weapons and other armaments. INFACT has produced a report on GE's leading role in the armaments industry, which is available for \$9.45 from INFACT, P.O. Box 3223, South Pasadena CA 91030 U.S.A. (CX4008)

Brazil 1992

Plans for the Brazil 1992 conference on sustainable development are well underway. CIDA and other organizations are hoping to use this opportunity to dramatically increase and improve consultation between non-governmental environment and development groups. This could be an opportunity for environment groups to share their experiences with groups who may be working on similar problems in a very different circumstances. They want to hear from any and all groups who might be interested. For more information, contact Vanessa Alexander at the Ontario Environment Network office, 456 Spadina Avenue, 2nd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 2G8 (416) 925-1322. (CX4009)

Network News

Network News contains news and information from groups and individuals across Canada. All items are numbered and indexed in the Name and Subject Indices in the back of the Digest. Items for *Network News* should be submitted to Connexions, 427 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1X7.

Healing Images

Healing Images is proposed as a month-long art exhibition/symposium to be held from November 9 to December 19 in Toronto. Sponsored by "A Bunch of Feminists", the goal is to engage artists and the broader community in the creation and discussion of images and concepts about violence against women. The organizers' main objective is to bring together artists and social/community workers/activists. Participation by women, men and children is encouraged in the workshops and panel discussions to be held together with the performances, readings, screenings and exhibitions. Contact: Penny Stewart, 18 Bermott Place, Toronto, Ontario M5A 3B6, (416) 962-3814 (CX4010)

SAVE tour

On September 30, 1990, 10 young people will set off on a seven-month tour across Canada to talk to other young people about taking action to save the environment. Called Student Action for a Viable Environment (SAVE), the tour will visit all the provinces and territories, leading discussions in both French and English in over 800 high schools. For more information contact SAVE Tour, c/o School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8, (514) 848-7447 or (613) 737-0251. (CX4011)

Solidarity fund

The Association canadienne-francasie de l'Ontario has established a Solidarity Fund whose aim is to help francophones fighting for the survival of the French language and culture in their municipalities, and to foster the bond between Canadian francophones and the majority of anglophones who believe in a bilingual Canada. To make a contribution or for information contact Association canadienne-francaise de l'Ontario, 255, chemin Montreal, Vanier, Ontario K1L 6C4, (613) 749-1910. (CX4012)

Fate of the forests

The Forest Ecosystem Rescue Network (FERN) believes that large organizations and governments are "useless, at best, in solving environmental problems". They have initiated a grassroots approach called Fate of Our Forests conferences, "which combine global impact with local practicality." Groups or individuals anywhere are being encouraged to call meetings or conferences, scheduled for the September 14-16 weekend in 1990, in their home region. Local groups plan actions which are practical within their means. In 1986, about a dozen groups held meetings, in 1988, about three dozen did. They are aiming for 100 in 1990. For more information contact Forest Ecosystem Rescue Network, P.O. Box 16683, Wichita Kansas 67216 U.S.A. (CX4013)

No nukes

The Campaign for Nuclear Phaseout is hoping to obtain federal legislation forbidding new reactors or reactor exports and new uranium export contracts. If the government is not prepared to bring in legislation, they plan to work for a private member's bill. For more information concerning this campaign, and other activities of the group, contact the national headquarters at 225 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2M6. (CX4014)

Don't buy these grapes

The United Farm Workers are appealing to the public to boycott California grapes. Poisons like Orthene and Aldicarb are still used even though they have been outlawed. Workers are regularly sent into the fields too soon after pesticide spraying – despite legislation about safe re-entry periods. Workers are not told what kind of poisons they are handling, they are not issued protective clothing; violations occur daily. For more information, or for a free copy of the video "Wrath of Grapes," contact the United Farm Workers, 600 the East Mall, Suite 401, Toronto, Ontario, M9B 4B1, (416) 626-6332. (CX4015)

Canadian airbase protested

Residents of Lahr, West Germany are protesting against the planned expansion of the Canadian air base near the town. Plans are underway to enlarge the airbase and to set up a large ammunition dump. Thousands of residents have signed a petition against the expansion, citing dangers to their drinking water, the interference which military bases cause to normal democratic freedoms, and the fact that such expansions are unnecessary at a time when East-West tensions are being reduced. They are asking that Canadians put pressure of their government to stop the expansion. Contact Siegfried Ziebold-Drechsel, Altdorfstrasse 40, D7880 Emmendingen 14, West Germany. (CX4016)

Computers for Nicaragua

Resystom is a non-profit foundation of computer and communications professionals who work in the area of community development. Their latest project, Computers for Nicaragua, is designed to provide popular organizations in Nicaragua with essential computer technology. Their hope is to enable the unions, cooperatives, women's groups and other mass organizations to participate fully in Nicaragua's struggle for national reconciliation and economic reconstruction. For more information, contact Charles Doubt at 401 Richmond Street West Toronto, Ontario, (416) 974-9189. (CX4017)

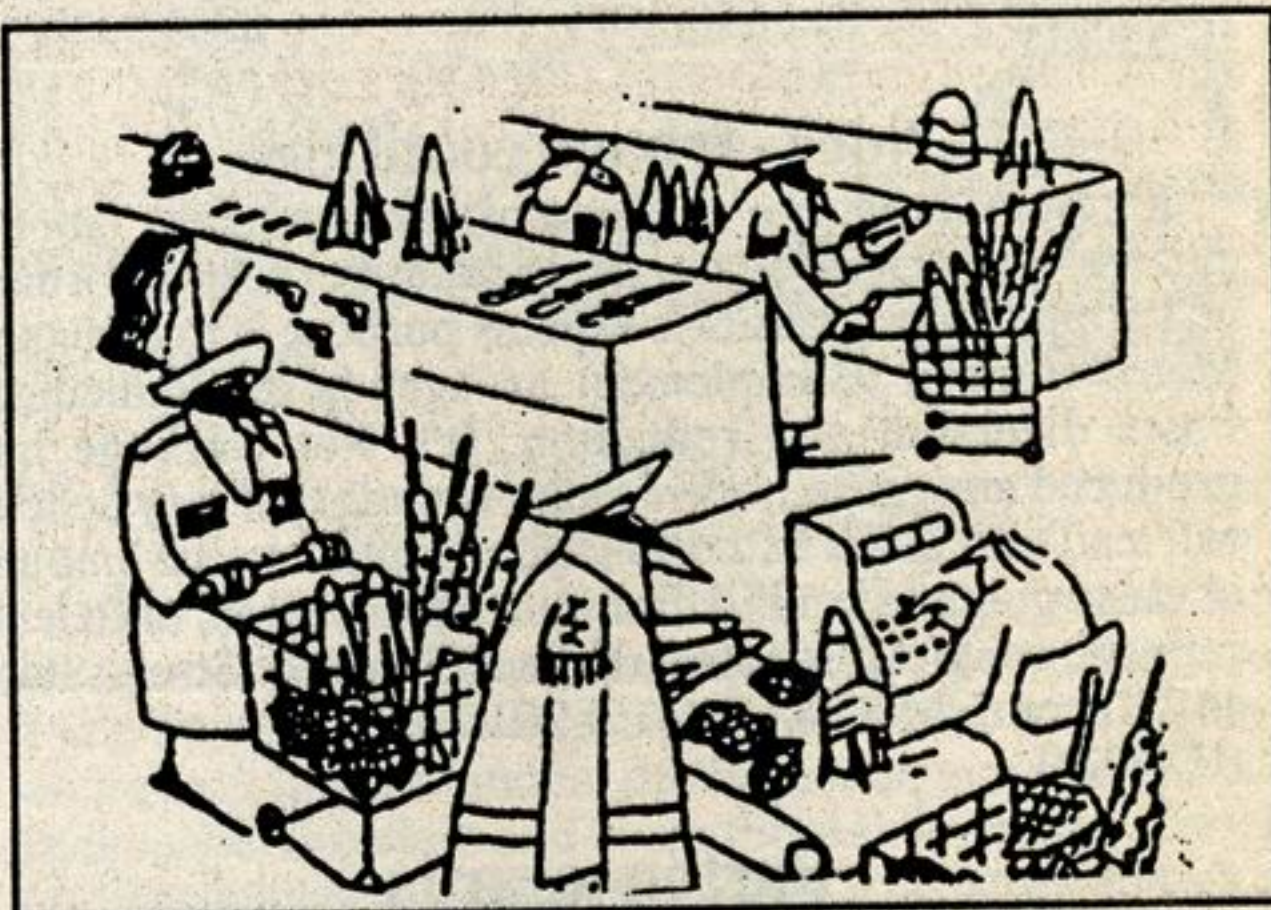
Victory in defeat

Plant closings may be an indication that the [free trade] deal is working.

– Mike McCracken, President, Infometrica Ltd.

Panama invasion protest

The Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America (ICCHRLA) is asking Canadians to write to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark to urge him to protest the U.S. invasion and continued occupation of Panama. ICCHRLA objects to Canada's support for the invasion. "This was the 20th invasion of Panama's territory by the U.S. since 1856; nonetheless the Canadian government claims 'the situation in Panama prior to the U.S. intervention was unique'", says ICCHRLA. (CX4018)



Appeals for Support

Mohawk defense fund

Contributions are being sought for a defense fund to support the Mohawk people of Kanesatake. The funds are to be used to send food and other supplies to the besieged community. Contributions can be sent to the Defense Fund for Mohawk Sovereignty, c/o Bread and Roses Credit Union, 348 Danforth Avenue, Suite 211, Toronto, Ontario M4K 1N8. For more information contact (416) 461-7882. (CX4019)

Honduran political murder

Honduran activists are appealing to the international community to help protect Consuela Valladares, witness to the assassination of the leader of the national workers' union. Never before has there been a witness willing to come forward in a Honduran political murder. Supporters may urge, by telephone or fax, that "Honduran government and security forces officials ensure the protection of Consuela Valladares, so that she can testify at the trial of the assassin. Urge also that rigorous investigation and pursuit of the killer be implemented, and that the results of the investigation be published." Telephone calls may be made to: Armed Forces Public Relations Chief Col. Jose Oscar Flores, (504) 224-421 or 22-51-15; or telephone Gilbert Goldstein, Private Secretary to Rafael Callejas, President of Honduras, (504) 379-649. Faxes may be sent to Gilbert Callejas, Casa Presidencial, (504) 220-802. (CX4020)

Comings and Goings

Alternatives to violence

Formed by the Quakers, the **Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)** helps people develop ways of dealing with conflicts creatively and without violence. AVP workshops are offered only to voluntary participants in prisons and communities. For more information contact Colin McMechan, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1C7, (416) 922-6128. (CX4021)

Not-Garbage coalition

It's Not Garbage, a coalition of environmental, labour, citizens' and private-sector organizations, recently formed in Toronto. The coalition's express purpose is to convince Metro Council to implement an agenda for immediate waste diversion and reduction. **It's Not Garbage** has produced an aggressive five-point agenda that they believe will lead to a quick and dramatic reduction in the amount of waste going to landfill. For more information, or to lend support, contact It's Not Garbage, 517 College Street, Suite 401, Toronto M6G 4A2, (416) 960-2284. (CX4022)

Barton awards

The **Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security** sponsors the Barton Awards, whose objective is to promote scholarship and expertise in the field of international peace and security by supporting Canadians who wish to pursue their studies at institutions abroad or in Canada. There are two levels of award: a senior fellowship valued at up to \$30,000 and an advanced scholarship valued at up to \$14,000. For further information and applications write to The Barton Awards, Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, 360 Albert Street, Suite 900, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 7X7, (613) 990-1593. (CX4023)

Helsinki Citizens Assembly

An invitation to create a citizens' forum composed of citizens of the 35 countries which signed the Helsinki Final Act is being circulated. The document, called the 1990 Prague Appeal, states that forthcoming changes to the European security system are too important to be left to governments, and calls on citizens to take a role in working on the challenges 'from below'. A **Canadian Working Group for the Helsinki Citizens Assembly** was launched in February in Waterloo Ontario and is now attempting to form a national network of Canadians supporting a Helsinki Citizens Assembly and to prepare for Canadian participation in the first Assembly. Endorsements for the project are being sought, and a conference is being planned for late summer, to be followed by Canadian participation in the first Citizens Assembly to take place in Prague, October 19 - 21, 1990. For more information contact Canadian Working Group, c/o 207 - 145 Spruce Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6P1. (CX4024)

Grass movement roots

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), a 20-year old movement, has resurrected its Toronto branch. Contact Terry Parker, Jr. at (416) 533-7756. (CX4025)

GATT-fly name change

GATT-Fly's new name is the **Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice (ECEJ)**. It also has a new mandate, "to emphasize coalition-building and social transformation, while continuing to undertake a program of research and action with churches and popular groups in the struggle for economic justice." (CX4026)

Name change

The Job Development Association of Ontario has changed its name to the **Ontario Network of Employment and Skills Training Projects (ONESTP)**. (CX4027)

Co-operative community

Visitors or interns are welcome at **Dandelion**, a small communal group living on a 50-acre farm in south-eastern Ontario, near Kingston. The group, self-sufficient to a large degree, shares skills and work through a labour credit system, and makes decisions in common. The philosophical basis of the community is cooperation, equality and non-violence. For information, or to apply or visit, contact Dandelion Community, RR1, Enterprise Ont. K0K 1Z0. (CX4028)

Internship program

Labre House, a Christian house of Hospitality serving the poor and marginalized, is offering an internship program for young adults in the Montreal inner-city area. They are looking for someone willing to commit six months to a year of their time. Labre House is small and personal, with a grass-roots self-help approach in a family atmosphere. Contact Labre House, Rushbrooke Internship, 308 Young Street, Montreal, Quebec, H3C 2G2, (514) 937-5973. (CX4029)

Akwesasne Notes editor charged

Doug George, the editor of the newspaper *Akwesasne Notes*, has been charged with murder after gun battles on the Akwesasne reserve left two men dead on May 1. The deaths followed violent confrontations between pro- and anti-gambling residents on the reserve. (CX4030)

New program for settlement workers

George Brown College in Toronto has created a part-time certificate program for Settlement Workers, a profession for which training is scarce. Settling immigrants requires specialized skills in cross-cultural counselling, advocacy, cultural interpretation, outreach and group facilitation. Contact Admissions Office, Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, (416) 944-4315. (CX4031)

Meetings, Conferences, Events

Council of all beings

A "council of all beings" - "an opportunity to reconnect with the earth, our natural rhythm and energy for healing ourselves/the earth" - will be held at Pigeon Hill Bruideen Peacemaking Centre, St. Armand, Quebec, August 3 - 5, 1990. Contact Pigeon Hill at 1965 St. Armand Road, Pigeon Hill/St. Armand, Quebec J0J 1T0, (514) 248-2524. Also at Pigeon Hill, on August 10-12, a session of Psychosynthesis for Social Change.

(CX4032)

Fish and Loaves Gathering

A Fish and Loaves Gathering will be held on August 4-5 at Green Lake, Saskatchewan. Organized by North South Peace Land Action Network, the program will include speakers and workshops on the uranium industry in Saskatchewan. There will also be a sweat lodge, theatre and music. Contact Elizabeth Cline, 817 14 Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0P9, (306) 244-9760.

(CX4033)

Gay Games and Cultural Festival

The third annual Gay Games and Cultural Festival will be taking place this August 4-11 in Vancouver, B.C.. Contact: Celebration '90, 1170 Bute Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 1Z6, (604) 684-3303.

(CX4034)

Freedom for Nitassinan Walk

The walk starts in Halifax August 6, Windsor September 23, and converges on Ottawa November 11. Contact (Ontario) ANVA (416) 533-9507, (East) Nancy Hunter (902) 420-9835.

(CX4035)

Vigil for disarmament

ACT for Disarmament will be holding a Hiroshima Day Vigil on Monday August 6 in Toronto. Contact ACT (416) 960-2228.

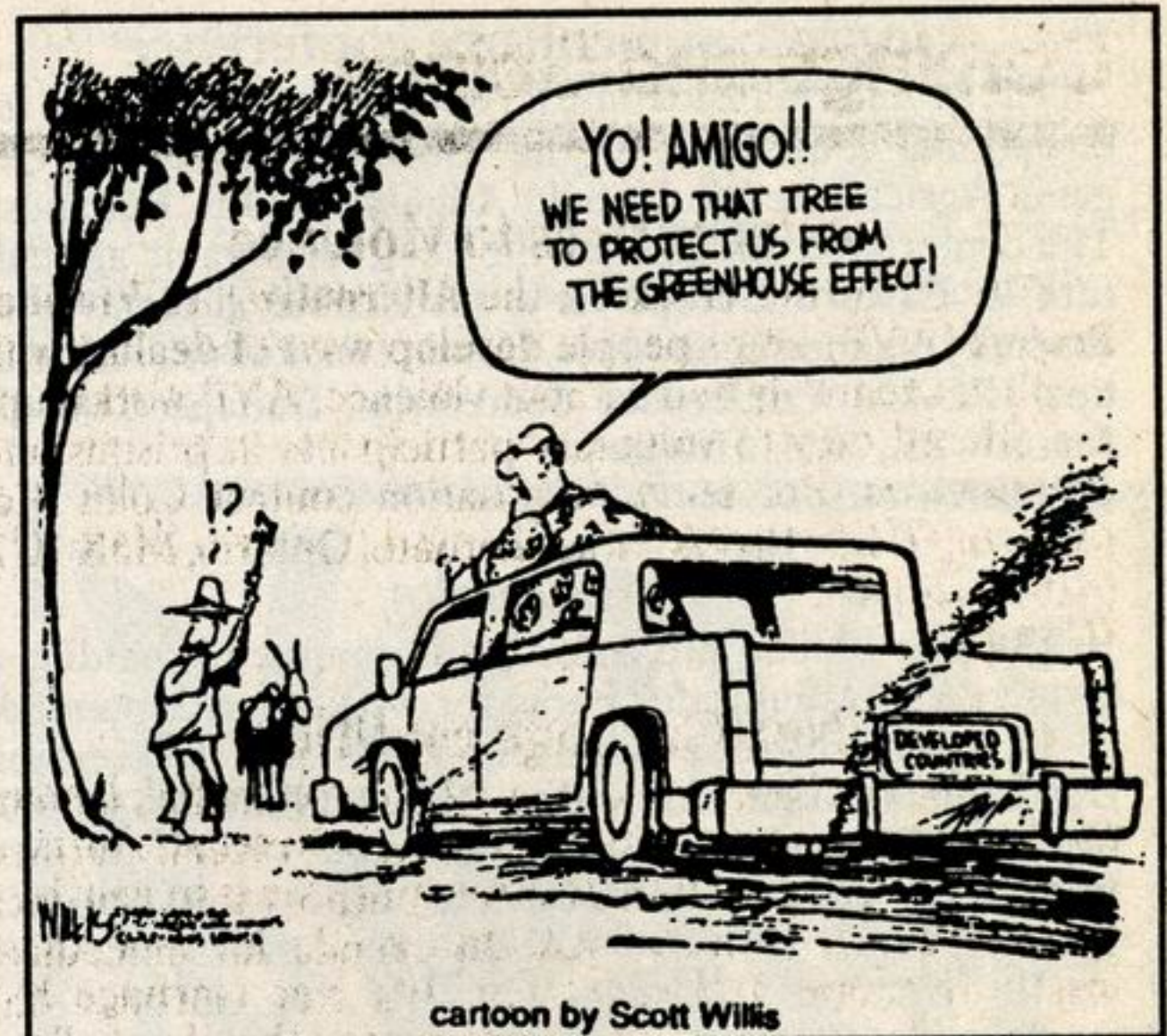
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PEPCON

PEPCON, an annual conference for people involved or interested in 'polyfidelity' (marriages involving more than two partners) will be held August 17-19 in Eugene, Oregon. Workshop topics include polyfidelity basics, making family agreements, bi-sexuality, and networking. Contact PEP, P.O. Box 6306, Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704-6306 U.S.A.

(CX4037)



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Our global commitment

The Canadian Red Cross is sponsoring a youth conference on international development August 19-24 near Parry Sound, Ontario. Participants should be 16 to 19, have an interest in international development, a desire to build their leadership skills and to use those skills in their schools and communities. Contact your local Red Cross branch or The Canadian Red Cross, International Services, 5700 Cancross Court, Mississauga, Ontario L5R 3E9, (416) 890-1000.

(CX4038)

Bioregional congress

The fourth North American Bioregional Congress will be held August 19-26 on the Gulf of Maine. Contact North American Bioregional Congress, 61 Maine Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011, U.S.A.

(CX4039)

Solid waste management

Municipal Solid Waste - Managing in the 90s is being held August 20-24 in Vancouver. GRCDA's 28th annual exposition will feature state-of-the-art landfill, markets for recyclables and managing ash from combustors in the sessions, and there will be tours of the Coquitlam Resource Recovery Plant and the Vancouver Transfer Station and Recycling Depot. Awards will be presented for different size waste handling facilities. Contact Lisa Wagner Haley, GRCDA, P.O. Box 7219, Silver Springs, MD 20910 USA, (301) 585-2898.

(CX4040)

Radical political economics

The Union for Radical Political Economics is having a conference August 23-26 in Woodstock, New York. Contact (714) 787-3578.

(CX4041)

Organic agriculture conference

The Hungarian Biokultura Association will host an international conference on the "Socio-Economics of Organic Agriculture" to be held **August 27-30** in Budapest. The conference will address the need for organic agriculture in Eastern Europe as a sustainable alternative to centrally planned economies. Contact Biokultura Association IFOAM Conference Secretariat, Budapest, Arany Janos u. 25., 1051, Hungary. (CX4042)

Safer parks

The City of Toronto Safe City Committee is holding a forum on planning safer parks for women on **September 13-14**. Contact Irene Karjicek, Parks and Recreation Department, Main Floor, City Hall, Toronto M5H 2N2, (416) 392-7291. (CX4043)



"Here's some good news. We're all biodegradable."

Permaculture workshop

A ten-day "permaculture" workshop with Dan Hemenway, founder of Elfin Permaculture, is being held in Stratford Ontario, **September 21-30**. The workshop will be held on a 1/2 acre city lot with an existing house. The participants will produce practical integrated designs which may include retrofitting, conserving and managing water supply, gardening, enhancing wildlife habitat, as well as considering other issues relating to the development of sustainable lifestyles. Cost is \$400; no charge for Native people. Contact Joy Allen, 186 Railway Avenue, Stratford, Ontario N5A 2J1. (CX4045)

Occupational health congress

The 23rd International Congress on Occupational Health will take place in Montreal **September 22-28**. Contact OCOH Secretariat, 58, rue de Bresoles, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1V5, (514) 499-9835. (CX4046)

Renewable energy conference

The World Renewable Energy Conference will be held this year in Reading, UK., **September 23-28**. Contact Prof. A.A.M. Sayigh, Department of Engineering, University of Reading, Whiteknights, P.O. Box 225, Reading, Berks. RG62AY, UK. (0734) 875123 ext. 7312. (CX4047)

Lesbian conference

The Third Almost Annual Lesbian Conference is tentatively set for **September 28-30** at Bloomfield School in Halifax. Plans include information displays, stalls of work done in the lesbian community - art pottery, jewellery, crafts, etc (much of which will be for sale) - and workshops. Some of the titles being discussed are Lesbians in the Media; Body Image; Lesbian Erotic Writing; and Sexual Abuse. Contact Lesbian Conference, P.O. Box 1209, North, Halifax, N.S. B3K 5H4. (CX4048)

Psycho-corporal therapy

The second International Congress of Psycho-Corporal Therapy is being organized by the Institut de Croissance Holistique. The agenda for this year's conference is finding a common ground between the diverse techniques which make up this body oriented psychotherapy. The congress will take place **October 3-7** in Sainte-Adele, Quebec. Contact l'Institut de Croissance Holistique, 1222 east, Blvd. St-Joseph, Montreal, Quebec, H2J 1L6, (514) 525-8211. (CX4049)

Freinet Pedagogy

A conference to establish working groups for collaborative 'Freinet-style' co-operative learning projects will be held **October 11-13** at Brock University. Contact John Sivell, DALs, Brock University, St. Catharines L2S 3A1. (CX4050)

Canadian Environment Network

The annual conference of the Canadian Environmental Network will be in Montreal **October 11-15**, with a public symposium on environmentalism in the 90's, a trade fair, issue workshops and caucus meetings. Registration is \$25. Contact Brad Wylynko, C.P. 1480, Succ. Place d'Armes, Montreal Quebec H2Y 3K8, (514) 982-9444. (CX4051)

VOW meeting (and party)

Voice of Women (VOW) is holding its annual general meeting in Ottawa **October 13-14**. On the agenda are VOW's role in the 1990's, its activities at the UN, with NAC, with Project Ploughshares, and the progress of the Nuclear Weapons Legal Action. Plans are also in the works to celebrate VOW's 30th year with a party. Contact VOW, 736 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. M5R 2R4. (CX4053)

Recycling council

The Recycling Council of Ontario will be holding its annual conference **October 14-17** in Windsor. The conference theme is the challenge of reaching 25% waste diversion by 1992. Contact Renee Lagasse, Conference Co-ordinator, #504 - 489 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M6G 1A5, (416) 960-1025. (CX4054)

Independent power producers

The second annual Ontario Independent Power Conference will be held this year from **October 16-17** in Toronto. The conference features an update on the Environmental Assessment Board Hearings concerning Ontario Hydro's Demand/Supply Plan. Information sessions (on such topics as natural gas fuel contracts, pricing issues, and environmental considerations) and guest speakers round out the agenda. Contact Nancy Phillips, Conference Coordinator, Passmore Associates International, Ottawa, Ontario, (613) 234-3602. (CX4055)

Sustainable development conference

An international conference with the theme "Sustainable Development Strategies: The New World Agenda", is being held **October 18-20** in Winnipeg. Contact World Environment, Energy and Economic Conference, 409 - 1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 0T3, (204) 945-7973. (CX4056)

Anti-racist education

A conference on anti-racist and critical approaches to education, entitled *Reflections and Praxis on Empowerment*, will be held **October 19** in Toronto. Contact Department of Sociology, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, (416) 928-6641 x2283. (CX4057)

Helsinki Citizens Assembly

The first Helsinki Citizens Assembly, a citizen initiative to transform the European security system from below, will be held in Prague **October 19-21**. Contact Canadian Working Group, c/o 207 - 145 Spruce Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6P1. For more information see item CX4024 above. (CX4058)

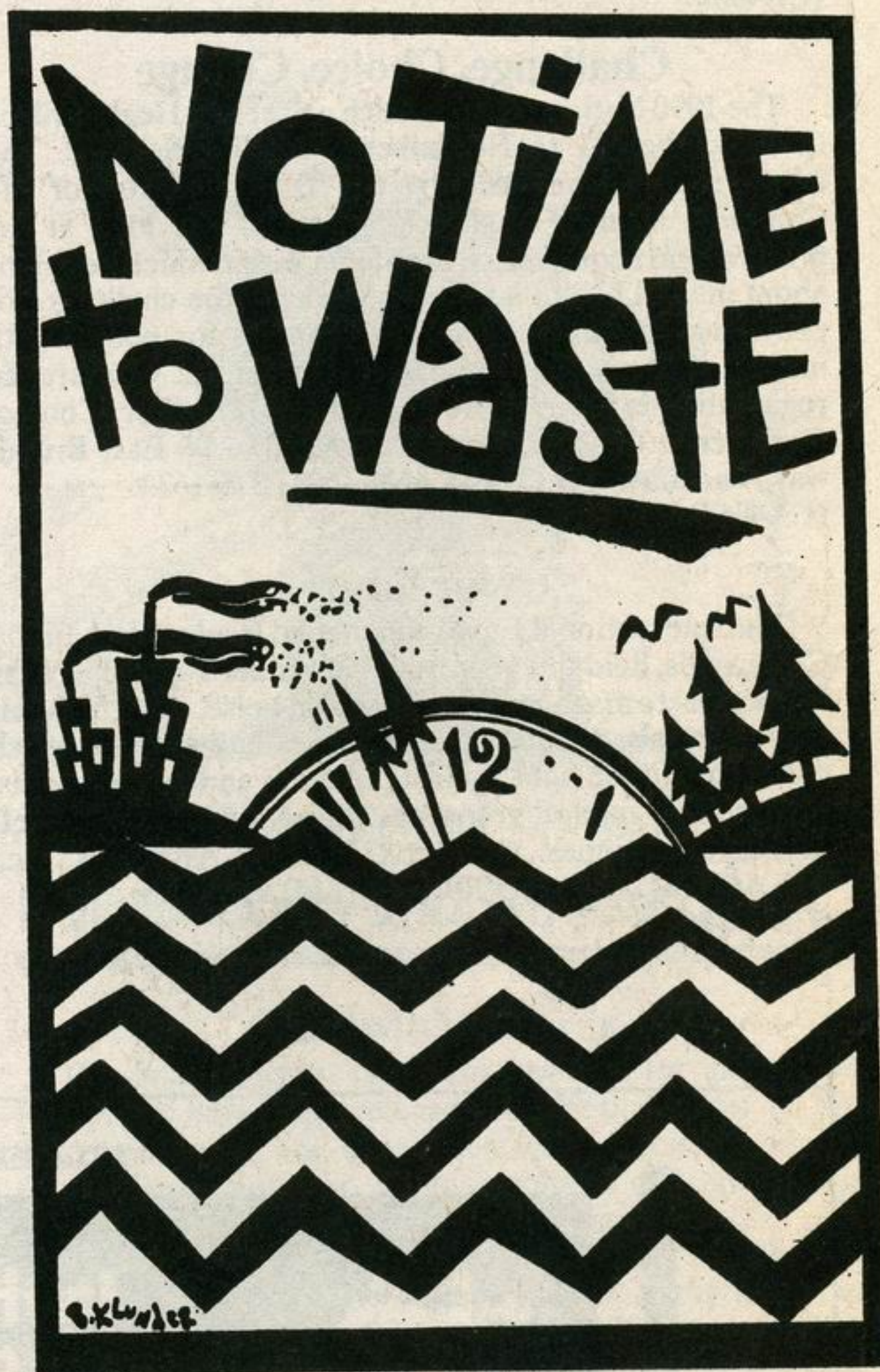
Minority publishers

The Minority Publishers Exchange, a forum for independent Asian, African, Hispanic and Native book publishers, is meeting **October 19 - 21** in Madison, Wisconsin. Contact Minority Publishers Exchange, Box 9869, Madison WI 53715 U.S.A., (608) 244-5633. (CX4059)

Protecting the environment

The Science Teachers' Association of Manitoba is organizing the second Canadian Congress on Science Education, to be held **October 17-20** in Winnipeg. This

conference will address the role that curriculum, teachers and schools can play in helping students understand the environmental realities which are the cornerstone of sustainable development. Contact Mr. Evhan Uzwysyn, Manitoba Education and Training, Room 409-1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, R3G 0T3, (204) 945-7973. (CX4060)



Peace and environment rally

The Toronto Disarmament Network and Greenpeace are co-sponsoring a rally for peace and the environment on **October 20** in Toronto. The rally, whose theme is "No Time to Waste", is supposed to focus on stopping the discharge of toxics into the Great Lakes, cutting military spending, cutting carbon dioxide emissions, and stopping the building of nuclear reactors. Contact: TDN, 555 Bloor Street West, Toronto Ontario M5G 1K1, (416) 535-8673. (CX4061)

Family Service

The eighth annual Family Service Canada Conference will take place this **October 31 - November 3** in Quebec City at the Chateau Frontenac. This year's theme is "Meeting the Challenge: Multiculturalism and the Family-Serving Network." Contact 1990 Conference, Family Service Canada, 55 Parkdale Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4G1, (613) 728-2463. (CX4062)

Challenge, Choice, Change

The 1990 National Conference on Mental Health will be held **October 31 to November 2** in Victoria, B.C. The conference, sponsored by the B.C. Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association, will look at the political and economic environment within which decisions about mental health issues are made, at the challenges of providing effective community supports for people with mental illness, and at possible strategies. Conference registration is \$250 before August 31, \$275 after. Contact Conference Co-ordinator, CMHA, 207 - 96 East Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5T 4N9, (604) 873-1633. (CX4063)

Our future

The International Environment and Ecology Exhibition Crossroads, held this year from **November 1-6**, will have as themes waste management, air, water, noise, clean technology, materials, products, technologies and services which contribute to the fight against pollution and noxious spills, engineering, natural resources utilization and energy efficiency techniques. Contact C.I.E.E., CAREFAX Inc., C.P. 1440, St. Julie, PQ J0L 2C0 (514) 922-2545. (CX4064)

CRIAW conference

The 14th Annual Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW) conference will take place **November 16-18** in Charlottetown, PEI. The focus will be on bridging the gap between "dis-abled" and "abled" women. A major objective of the conference is to provide a public forum for women's ideas. Organizers are working to attract participants from all aspects of society. Contact Beth Percival, CRIAW Conference Program Committee, PO Box 2271, Charlottetown PEI C1A 8B9, (902) 566-0690. (CX4065)

Recycling week

November 19-25 will be **Recycling Week** in Ontario, with the theme "The Future is Rs." The "Rs" refer to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Contact Recycling Council of Ontario, 489 College Street, Suite 504, Toronto, Ontario M6G 1A5, (416) 960-1025. (CX4066)

Watershed management

A symposium, "New Perspectives for Watershed Management: Balancing Long-Term Sustainability with Cumulative Environmental Change" is being held in Seattle **November 27-29**. The underlying theme is linking environmental integrity to watershed management and human needs. Organizers would like posters on watershed issues and materials for exhibitor booths. Contact Betty Johanna, College of Forest Resources, Univ of Washington AR-10, Seattle WA 98195 USA (206) 543-0867. (CX4067)

Global Week of Ecology Action

Green and ecology action groups are calling for an international week of resistance to corporate and government polluters between Earth Day, April 22, and the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, April 26, 1991. Contact New England Green Alliance, P.O. Box 703, White River Jct., VT 05001 U.S.A., (802) 295-1544. (CX4068)

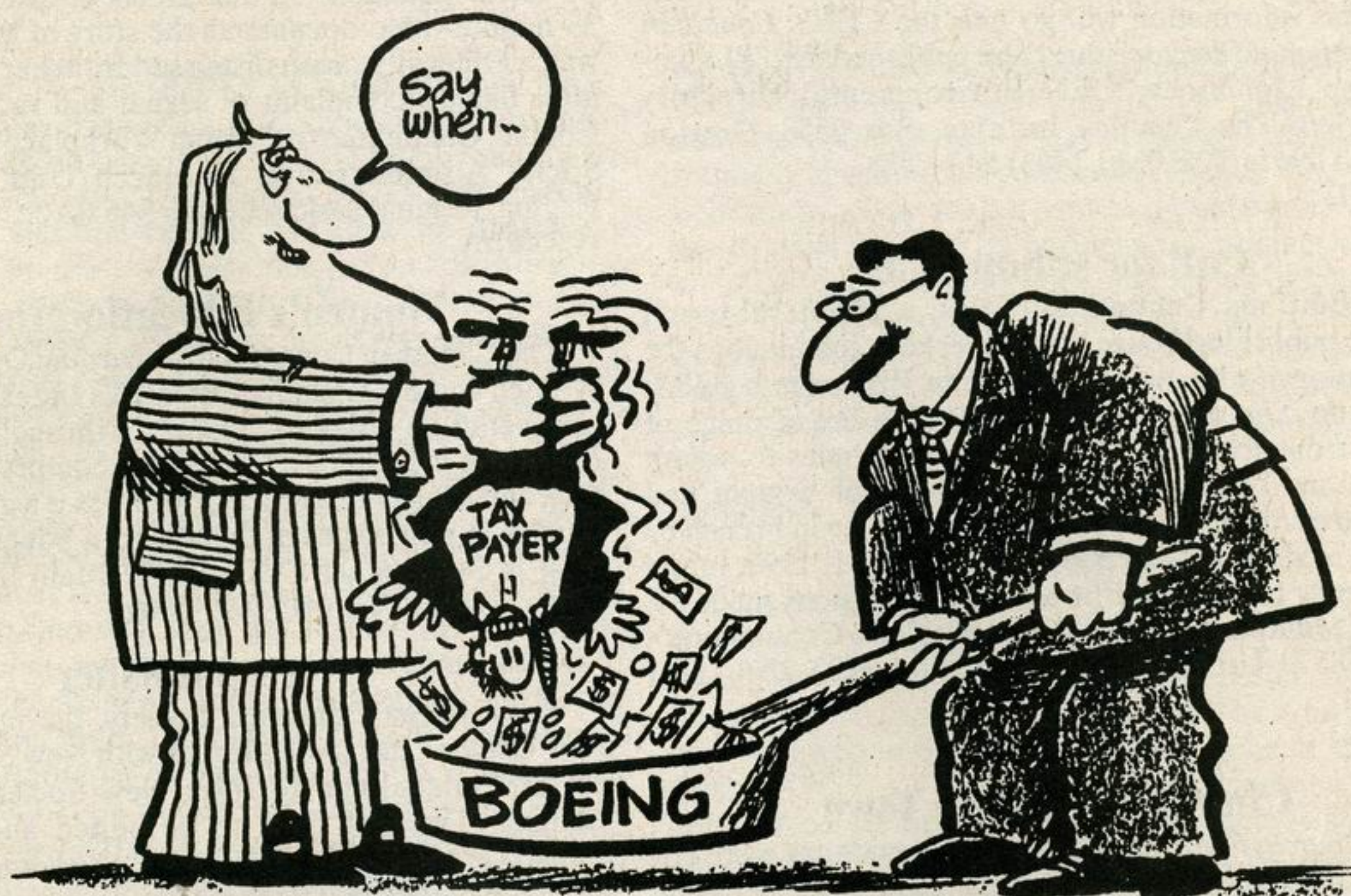
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Metro World '91

Toronto is hosting a conference in June 1991 which will bring together public interest groups, professionals, governments officials and industrialists, to discuss an urban environmental strategy which will in turn be presented to the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in 1992. Non-governmental organizations are being invited to participate. Metro World will also fund ten demonstration projects from around the world that have an urban environmental success story to tell in any of the theme areas of the conference (housing, feeding, moving, communicating, working, managing, financing, clean-up.) For more information contact The Economic Development Division, Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, Office of the Chairman, 390 Bay Street, 4th floor, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3Y7. The Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy is interested in promoting the involvement of non-governmental organizations in the conference. Contact: Barbara Heidenreich, Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy, 400 - 517 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M6G 4A2, (416) 923-3529. (CX4069)

Publications and Resources

Goodwin's awards

The fourth annual Goodwin's awards for alternative journalism have been released for 1990. Winner of the Goodwin award for excellence went posthumously to Chuck Grochmal, who wrote a column on coping with AIDS in *Xtra*, a gay newspaper in Toronto.

First runners-up were Linda McQuaig and Neil Brooks (*This Magazine*); second runner-up was Kathryn Morse (*New Maritimes*); third runner up was Joyce Nelson (*Canadian Forum and Fuse*); fourth was Paul McKay (*This Magazine*).

Honourable mentions went to Linda Clow and Tom Wayman (*Borderlines*); Barbara Carass (*Kick It Over*); Adrian Paavo, John Warnock and Cheryl Stadnichuck (*Briarpatch*); the Volvo Research Group (*New Maritimes*); and Larry Kuehn (*New Directions*).

The MacDonald citation went to *Briarpatch* and *New Maritimes*. *Alternatives* received honourable mention. (CX4070)

Canadian environmental directory

The Canadian Environmental Network and the Ontario Environment Network are updating their database on organizations and agencies working in the environmental field. This information will go into the CEN's *Canadian Environmental Directory*, due to be published this fall. Contact Rob Macintosh, CEN Environmental Directory Project, c/o The Pembina Institute, Box 7558, Drayton Valley, Alberta T0E 0M0, (403) 542-6272. (CX4071)

Call for submissions

Les Editions Communiqu'Elles, a Montreal-based feminist publishing house, is now seeking submissions for an anthology to be entitled *Canadian Women and AIDS: Beyond the Statistics*. They are inviting a broad range of format, from scholarly articles and testimonies to poetry and fiction. Topics (within the subject of women and AIDS) are equally open. Submissions may be in French or English, and must be in before September 1, 1990. Information may be obtained from, and submissions made to, Jacques Manthorne, Editor, Les Editions Communiqu'Elles, 3585 St-Urbain, Montreal, Quebec, H2X 2N6, (514) 844-1761. (CX4072)

Church, Farm and Town

The Church, Farm, and Town was a newsletter edited by Archdeacon John Peacock from 1943 to 1988. John Peacock stopped published the newsletter in 1988, closing with an invitation to others to take up his work. This invitation has now been taken up by Judith and Charles Hubbard, who have resumed publication. Among the articles they plan for future issues are Home-Schooling, Farmer's Diary, and Seascape. For a sample issue or a subscription (\$5 per year), write to Church, Farm and Town, Box 368, R.R. #4, Amherst, Nova Scotia B4H 3Y2. (CX4073)

Environment Newsletter

The Canadian Environmental Network is now publishing its own newsletter, *The Canadian Network News*, which provides information on news relating to the Network and member groups. Contact the Canadian Environmental Network, P.O. Box 1289, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R3, (613) 563-2078. (CX4074)

Canadian links with apartheid

The Saskatchewan Linkage Committee has just produced four reports linking Canadian economic activity with the apartheid government in South Africa. The reports cover the diamond industry, bank loans to, and investment in, South Africa, and the South African brain drain to Canada. The reports are five, six, eight and ten pages, respectively, and may be ordered from the Saskatchewan Linkage Committee, c/o 2138 McIntyre Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2R7. (CX4075)

Dialogue on racism

The Faculty of Social Work at the University of Regina has produced "*Mary's Story - A Dialogue on Racism*," a powerful statement on the effects of discrimination. The 36-minute video documents the story of Mary Pitawanakwat, a Ojibway woman dismissed from her civil service job after filing a complaint of sexual and racial harassment. Contact Committee to Combat Workplace Discrimination, Social Administration Research Unit, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2. (CX4076)

Women's Education Index

The Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women and the Canadian Women's Indexing Group have completed an index to volumes 1 through 6 of *Women's Education des femmes*. Containing comprehensive author, title, and subject references, the index is a guide to locating articles in past issues of this feminist education quarterly. Cost is \$4. Contact CCLOW, 47 Main Street, Toronto, Ontario M4E 2V6, (416) 699-1909. (CX4077)

New publisher

The Catalyst Education Society, the publisher of *The New Catalyst*, has joined forces with New Society Publishers of Philadelphia to form New Society Publishers - Canada. The first titles to be edited and produced in Canada are *Turtle Talk: Voices for a Sustainable Future* and *Home! A Bioregional Reader*. Contact New Society Publishers, P.O. Box 99, Lillooet, British Columbia V0K 1V0. (CX4078)

Chomsky on mass media

Noam Chomsky's richly documented analysis of mass media is the subject of a new film entitled *Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky on Mass Media*. For over a year, the camera team travelled with Chomsky, building a portrait of a tireless activist on a non-stop circuit of lectures, workshops, classes and media encounters in Canada, Japan, England, Holland, and the USA. The film offers a clear deconstruction of media and propaganda, encouraging audiences to question the underlying mechanisms of mass media. Because the prospects of funding and air time for a film on the limits of "acceptable" discourse in the mainstream media are poor, support is being sought for the film and its being shown, and supporters are being asked to write letters to media outlets encouraging them to show this film. Contact The Media Project, Attention Mark Achbar/Peter Wintonick, P.O. Box 2008, Portland OR 97208 U.S.A., (514) 286-9824. (CX4079)

Book on transformation

Sandy Brockway is assembling a book on environmental, political and social transformation. She is seeking articles and other items regarding current progressive publications, organizations and activists for this proposed manual of social solutions and resources to be used by teachers, community workers, and others. Send contributions and enquiries to Sandy Brockway, Box 969, Cambria CA 93428 U.S.A. (CX4080)

News Briefs

CBC ad policy criticized

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is refusing to allow anti-nuclear activists to buy advertising time for ads opposing nuclear energy, claiming the subject matter is controversial and opinionated, and thus not suitable for advertising. The CBC will continue to run ads promoting the nuclear industry, however. The decision is being criticized by Students Opposing the Slowpoke (STOP) in Saskatoon, who say that they consider the pro-nuclear ads opinionated and biased since they convey the impression that nuclear energy is "somehow benign and safe." STOP's ads were intended to respond to commercials from the Canadian Nuclear Association, which spends \$2.5 million per year on television and magazine advertising. According to STOP member Hermann Krebs, "If they allow one side, I can't understand why they don't allow the other side. We're being shut out of reaching a large audience. We're not getting a chance to get our message across." STOP has received a letter from John Davis, the CBC manager of advertising standards, stating that the ads were refused because of the CBC's policy "that the airwaves must not come under the control of individuals or groups who because of wealth, special position, etc. might be better able to influence listener or viewer attitudes."

(CX4081)

CBC losing national unity mandate

The Progressive Conservative government is dropping the section of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's mandate that requires it to "contribute to the development of national unity". Some critics have cautiously welcomed the change because they say that the CBC has used the mandate to justify biased coverage of issues such as Meech Lake and free trade. On both issues, the CBC was widely seen as provided biased coverage promoting the government's position in favour of free trade and Meech Lake. The federal government has said that the change to the mandate removes any pressure on the CBC to toe the government line. However, a number of opponents of the change have characterized it as another step in the government's systematic gutting of institutions and policies that promote Canadian national interests, including VIA rail, the Foreign Investment Review Agency, and the National Film Board.

(CX4082)

Book seizures challenged

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association is challenging Canada Customs' practice of banning or detaining books and magazines at the border. The association is seeking to have the seizures and delays stopped as contrary to the freedom of expression provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. According to association president John Dixon, "hundreds and

hundreds of books and magazines are stopped at the border.... What's appalling is the number of absolutely inoffensive materials." Owners of gay bookstores say that they are routinely singled out by customs officials. The Glad Day bookstore in Toronto has launched two lawsuits of its own: one to claim damages for business lost in delays in receiving materials due to lengthy decision-making by Customs, the other to challenge Canada Customs' right to ban several books. In one recent seizure, a book by Canadian writer Jane Rule, destined for Glad Day, was held at the border although it had been sold in Canadian bookstores for 13 years.

(CX4083)

Penguin destroys books

Penguin Books Canada has destroyed about 6,200 books and issued a public apology to settle a lawsuit by the capitalist Conrad Black. The book, *Whose Money is It Anyway? The Showdown on Pensions*, by Ann Finlayson, was reviewed in the December 1989 issue of *Connexions* (see CX3719). It describes how corporations, including one owned by Conrad Black, have repeatedly removed money from employee pension plans. All copies of the hardcover edition remaining in stock have been destroyed (not including the review copy in the *Connexions* office, now a collector's item). A revised paperback edition has been issued with the offending comments removed. Black objected to a statement that he had engaged in "corporate banditry" in removing pension funds from Dominion Stores.

(CX4084)

Post box rates hiked

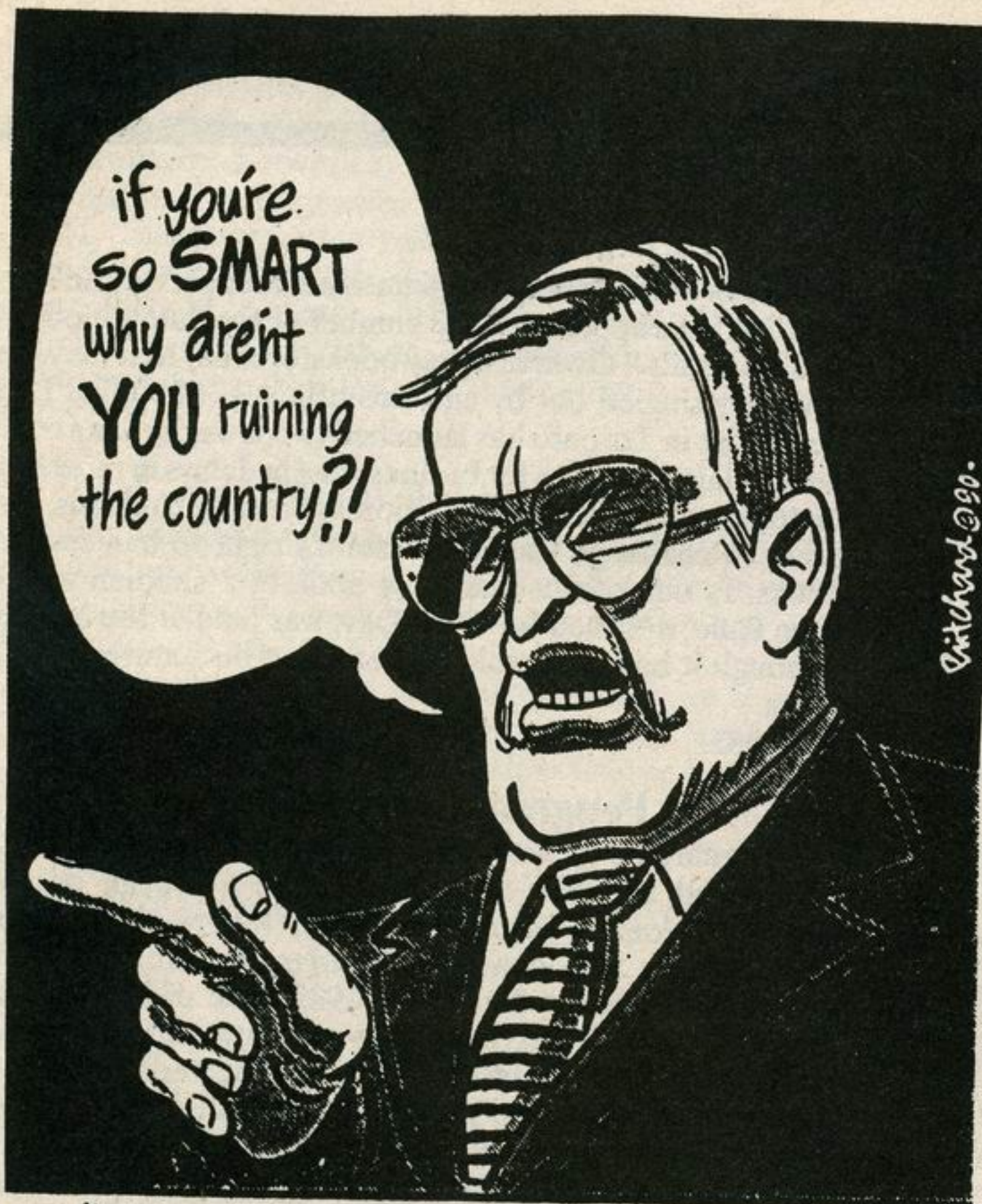
Canada Post Corporation has imposed massive increases for the rental of post office boxes. The smallest size of box will go from \$26.20 a year to \$50 a year, with larger boxes ranging from \$80 to \$200. Canada Post justifies the huge increase by stating that "all Canadian households and businesses have access to one free method of mail delivery". However, this is clearly not true for small non-profit associations, one of the most frequent users of postal boxes. Citizen groups and small publications which are too small to have their own office space frequently have no viable alternative to using a post office box. Using the home address of an individual member is usually undesirable because members often move and because of security considerations in the case groups that may attract "crackpot" opponents, such as feminist groups.

(CX4085)

Doubt

'Truth' never set anyone free. It is only *doubt* which will bring mental emancipation.

– Anton LaVey



the Finance Minister lashes out at his critics....

Landlord sues tenants

A Toronto landlord has launched a \$1.5 million lawsuit against tenants who organized a protest about conditions in their building. Goldwin Properties Ltd. has filed a statement of claim alleging that tenant and co-operative housing representatives conspired to "interfere with the plaintiff's economic relations... and to coerce a sale of the apartment building for an unreasonably low price." Goldwin claims that the people named in the suit "inflamed the tenants and created an atmosphere of hostility" with the goal of placing Goldwin under duress so it would sell the building at a depressed price. Goldwin also complained that the tenant leaders had "orchestrated an extensive media campaign to damage the name and reputation of the plaintiff with respect to the state of repair of the building and the management of the building" thereby eroding the market value of the building. According to Michael Melling, president of the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations, one of the people named in the action, "basically what we are being accused of is trying to help the tenants organize and secure their rights under law. The rest of the accusations are baseless."

(CX4086)

CIA set up Mandela

The U.S. government has been embarrassed by the revelation that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) played a key role in setting up the 1962 arrest of Nelson Mandela. In a story that first appeared in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the CIA station chief in Pretoria in 1962 was quoted as describing how the CIA provided the South African government with the information it needed to capture Mandela. "It is one of our greatest coups", said the station chief, Paul Eckel. Mandela spent 27 years in prison as a result of the arrest. (CX4087)

Unions plan cross-border links

Canadian and U.S. communications workers have agreed to co-operate against telecommunications companies that try to move to low-wage areas to avoid paying union rates. The Communications and Electrical Workers of Canada have formed an alliance with the Communications Workers of America to engage in joint action "to defend union and workers' rights in North America, including Mexico". The first concrete step is a joint organizing campaign directed at workers in a company that manufactures computer components in Ontario, Quebec, and New York state, which pays "substandard wages and benefits, exploits immigrant workers and threatens to move jobs every time the people try to organize." The idea of the joint organizing campaign is to "create a situation where the company has no place to run to." (CX4088)

Union urges fish boycott

The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union is promoting a boycott of buyers of Canadian fish who export the catch to the United States at the cost of local jobs. According to union president Jack Nichol, the Canadian processing industry is being destroyed as fish are sold to the U.S. for processing rather than being processed in Canada. He is urging salmon fishermen to place large "pro-Canada fleet" stickers on their boats and to refuse to sell to U.S. fish buyers who truck the fish south for processing.

(CX4089)

CAW get GST protection

The Canadian Auto Workers union (CAW) has successfully negotiated a precedent-setting contract with Air Canada that will give 3,200 employees protection against the inflationary effect of the proposed goods and services tax (GST). The agreement ignores calls from Finance Minister Michael Wilson for unions to accept wage increases less than the rate of inflation. Wilson has said that the high interest rates imposed by Bank of Canada governor John Crow will be continued until wages increases are dropped below the rate of inflation. CAW President Bob White said that workers will not take the blame for the federal government's "stupid economic policies."

(CX4090)

Crow flying high

Bank of Canada Governor John Crow and senior members of his staff have been pocketing large pay increases even as they publicly demand that ordinary Canadians settle for less pay to combat inflation. The government refuses to reveal exactly what Crow himself is paid, even though his salary is paid by the taxpayer, but it has confirmed that his salary range is now between \$162,000 to \$243,000, up from the \$120,000 to \$150,000 range it was in three years ago. This amounts to an annual rate of increase between 12 and 21 per cent. The average salary at the Bank of Canada went up 24.2 per cent between 1985 and 1989, whereas the cost of living went up 16.3 per cent over the same period. The average weekly wage in Canada increased by only 16.1 per cent over that time period. In his reports, Crow has stated that wage increases averaging 5.25 per cent in 1989 and 4.5 per cent in 1988 are too high and are contributing to inflation.

(CX4091)

165,000 factory jobs lost

Canada lost 165,000 manufacturing jobs in the first year of free trade, according to Statistics Canada. This amounts to almost 6 per cent of the sector's total work force. Statistics also reveal that the trend is accelerating. In May 1990 alone, 43,000 factory jobs vanished. Manufacturers tend to place the blame primarily on high interest rates, while trade unions see free trade as being the main culprit. In either case, the figures indicate that the free trade era has been something of an economic disaster. Many of the job losses are expected to be permanent.

(CX4092)

Free trade harassment charged

The United States has become even more aggressive in harassing Canadian exporters since the Canada-U.S. trade agreement came into effect, a Senate review of the bilateral deal has concluded. According to the Senate foreign affairs committee, Canadian goods are being met by various kinds of harassment at the border, ranging from increased inspections, to slowdowns, to court challenges.

(CX4093)

U.S.-Mexico free trade talks

The United States has entered into preliminary free trade negotiations with Mexico. Because Canada is now tied into a free trade pact with the United States, this means that Canada would also in effect have free trade with Mexico without having any say on the terms and conditions of an eventual pact. One likely result is that U.S. car manufacturers, for example, would be able to get their parts from Mexico, where workers earn \$1.60 an hour, rather than from Canadian parts suppliers which have substantially higher labour costs.

(CX4094)

Hacking at the branches

There are thousands hacking at the branches of evil, to one who is striking at the roots.

- Thoreau

GM wants U.S. holidays in Canada

General Motors Ltd. wants Canadian employees to take U.S. holidays rather than Canadian holidays. The company has asked workers in Windsor to take Memorial Day rather than Victoria Day, U.S. Thanksgiving rather than Canadian Thanksgiving, and Independence Day rather than Canada Day. GM says that the holiday transfer would put the Windsor plant in a better competitive position to get a contract to manufacture Buick seat covers.

(CX4095)

Furniture industry hurting

The Canadian Council of Furniture Manufacturers says that the Canadian furniture industry is in dire straits because of the free trade agreement, and that it may ask the government for emergency protection against the yearly tariff reductions which are designed to eliminate tariffs entirely by 1993. According to the Council, 24 Canadian furniture companies have gone bankrupt since the agreement came into effect, and another 32 firms have stopped producing furniture. Imports of U.S. furniture have increased 40 per cent, while exports to the U.S. have gone down 7 per cent. About 4,700 of 60,000 jobs have been lost so far in the industry.

(CX4096)

Rail accidents up

The number of railyard accidents in Canada is up significantly from last year. A spokesman for a watchdog group, Harry Behrend of the Metro Toronto Residents Action Committee, puts the blame on the federal government's deregulation of the rail industry. According to Behrend, the government is neglecting its responsibility to supervise rail safety. "They are letting the companies be their own patrollers." "There is pressure on the government to make exceptions to the rule" because of competitive pressures on the rail companies, said Harry Gow, president of Transport 2000. "It is easier to make exceptions rather than providing assistance to railways to make them competitive." Gow's remarks were challenged by CP rail spokesman Paul Thurston, who said that "we conduct ourselves as if there was always a federal rail inspector watching us." However, a report by the National Transportation Agency reveals that rail officials at several rail yards say that there is an "informal agreement with Transport Canada which allows 10 per cent of its cars to be found and placed in service despite one or more minimum-safety standards defects." According to Harry Gow, the underlying problem is that "the overall structure of Canadian railways is crumbling away" under the pressure of government anti-railway policies.

(CX4097)

Who won the Cold War?

The fact is, we haven't won the Cold War. Both we and the Communists are losing the industrial era. The difference is, we see the problems with their system but fail to see, because we are too close, the problems with our own.

- Robert Theobald

More VIA cuts predicted

VIA rail is poised to make additional service cuts, according to Guy Chartrand, the Quebec region president of Transport 2000. Chartrand says that he has received information from VIA sources that among the cuts being planned would be that of the 'Atlantic' service between Montreal and Halifax, and the 'Chaleur' service between Montreal and Gaspé. Sherbrooke, Fredericton, and Saint John would be among the places losing train service. The cuts would be in addition to those last January, when almost half of VIA's routes were axed. VIA spokesperson Paul Raynor said the reports were "more rumours and more speculation", but didn't deny them. (CX4098)

Research funding draining away

The Progressive Conservative government is deliberately letting scientific research in Canada die a slow death, critics say. A number of prominent scientists have gone public with instances of the bleeding of scientific research. They cite massive cuts to the budget of the National Research Council (NRC), which now receives \$78 million less than it did six years ago, despite inflation. Canada now spends about 1.28 per cent of its gross domestic product on scientific research, compared to 1.43 per cent when the Mulroney government took office. By comparison, the United States spends 2.69 per cent, Japan 2.87 per cent. The Professional Institute of the Public Service, which represents 1,000 researchers, says that the government is engaged in the "systematic destruction of the NRC." (CX4099)

Sunday shopping conflict

A labour arbitrator has ruled that Steinberg Inc. was wrong to discipline two Ottawa employees who opposed the company's stand in favour of Sunday shopping. Despite warnings from their supervisor, the two continued to wear buttons that read "Say No to Sunday shopping," and were eventually suspended. The ruling against Steinberg Inc. is an important affirmation of a worker's right to freedom of expression because it shows "an employer does not have total control over an employee's behaviour in the workplace," said labour lawyer Harold Caley, who represented the two workers involved in the arbitration. (CX4100)

Nuclear facts and figures

After maintaining for forty years that the British nuclear power industry makes economic sense, the British government has finally been forced to admit that it is uneconomic. The truth emerged, ironically, because of the Thatcher government's privatization drive. Its attempts to sell off nuclear power plants to the private sector failed dismally because no private company wanted anything to do with the plants without a guarantee of huge financial subsidies from the government. (CX4101)

Antarctic airfield

Britain has opened the door to tourism and possible mineral exploitation in the Antarctic by building an airfield at the remote Rothera scientific station 1,200 miles south of the Falklands. The airfield will allow people to get from London to Rothera in 48 hours instead of the five weeks it takes now. The British Antarctic Survey says it will make it possible for scientists to reach Antarctica more efficiently, but fears are being expressed that the airfield will also be used for tourism and as a base for mineral prospectors. The British government supports the Mineral Convention, which would allow mineral exploration in Antarctic. (CX4102)

Urine tests protested

The Seafarers International Union is urging federal transportation workers to protest against proposed federal legislation which would force workers to submit to mandatory urine and blood tests. According to union secretary Andrew Boyle, the proposed legislation is a violation of workers' privacy rights. In addition, said Boyle, the tests are "notoriously inaccurate". The union is distributing urine specimen bottles and urging members to "send a sample of your opinion" to the federal transport minister. At the Canadian Labour Congress convention in May, a resolution was passed which criticized increasing invasions of workers' privacy, including mandatory drug testing, psychological screening, electronic surveillance and personal searches. (CX4103)

China admits torture

The Chinese government has admitted for the first time that some of its prisoners are tortured, injured, and die in custody. In the past, China has routinely dismissed such accusations from Amnesty International and other human rights organizations. A senior legal official, Liang Gouqing, said that in the first quarter of 1990 2,900 cases of 'perversion of justice' occurred, including death and injuries. Asia Watch has estimated that between 10,000 and 30,000 people are in jail for their part in last year's pro-democracy protests, while many other political prisoners have been in jail for much longer periods. Many former prisoners speak of brutal treatment, overcrowding, bad food, routine beatings, denial of family visits, and torture. (CX4104)

Cree challenge settlement

The Grand Council of the Cree of Quebec has gone to court asking that the James Bay and Northern Agreement, the largest land claim settlement in Canadian history, should be declared null and void. The Grand Council has also asked the court for an injunction against any future

Voting vs democracy

There is a vast difference between voting on infrequent occasions for a man or a party on the one hand, and on the other hand voting every few days directly on the issues themselves."

– Sir Moses Finley

hydro-electric development in the vast territory. "There is a very basic principle of contract law known as non-performance," said James O'Reilly, the Crees' lawyer. "The government has failed to fulfil its obligations under the agreement so it should be nullified." He also argued that the agreement is invalid because the Quebec government does not have any legal rights over the natural resources of northern Quebec. Canada turned over large portions of the then-Northwest Territories to Quebec provincial administration in 1898 and 1912, but, said Mr. O'Reilly, the rights to natural resources on those lands were never assigned to Quebec. "The Cree have retained and never surrendered ancestral rights," Mr. O'Reilly said. (CX4105)

Treaty still valid

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that a 230-year old treaty giving Hurons in Quebec the right to exercise their customs is still valid. In a unanimous decision, the judges said that the treaty signed in 1760 is still in effect and that the province cannot prosecute Hurons for practicing native customs that violate provincial park laws. The case involved two brothers who had been charged with fishing. According to Native leaders, the decision strengthens their legal rights and lays the groundwork for several other court cases. (CX4106)

No base in Goose Bay

NATO Defence Ministers have scrapped plans to build a NATO Training Centre at Goose Bay, Labrador. The decision was hailed by Native groups and peace and environmental organizations. Federal Trade Minister John

Crosbie reacted angrily, blaming the Innu for their opposition to the base. The Innu, said Crosbie, had been "extremely unhelpful, unproductive and unfeeling". "Goose Bay lost out because of the Innu," Crosbie said. Innu spokespeople were pleased, but noted that low-level flying would still continue in the area and might well intensify, even without the base. (CX4107)

ARMX on the march

Banned last year from Ottawa city property, ARMX, the controversial Canadian arms exhibition, has left the city of Ottawa and found a new home for its weapons trade show at the Carp Airport, located west of the capital. Richard Sanders, spokesperson for the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT), says activists will both protest and educate the public about the "immoral, unethical and evil side" of ARMX '91. Contact COAT at 489 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa K1N 3N7 (613) 231-3076. (CX4108)

Women's centres temporarily reprieved

The federal government has responded to strong pressure from women's groups, and is restoring \$1.2 million in operational financing to 74 women's centres across the country, but only for a one-year "transitional" period. The government cut the operational or so-called core financing as one of the cost-saving measures announced in the federal budget. The cuts took effect April 1, and many of the centres have been on the verge of closing. However, \$400,000 in cuts to women's publications and national lobby groups will not be restored. (CX4109)



New Resources

Arts/Media/Culture

CX4110

Communications for and Against Democracy**Marc Raboy and Peter A. Bruck (ed.)**

Black Rose Books

3981 Blvd St-Laurent, Suite 444

Montreal, Quebec H2W 1Y5

1989, 248 pp, \$19.95, ISBN 0-921689-46-2

"The need to understand and cope with the mainstream media, grassroots communication strategies, the military uses of new communication technologies, and the globalization of culture, as reflected in its mass-mediated forms, is a matter of urgency."

This anthology explores the circumstances in which communication serves at times as an instrument of repression and domination, and at others as a support for human emancipation. The introductory chapter describes the challenge of democratic communication and the general direction of a critical and activist agenda. Divided into three categories, the anthology's articles use concrete examples to illustrate different aspects of the structure of communication within an increasingly global social system; of media production and output; and of activist work in various widely-dispersed situations (from a large media organization to a community in Soviet Armenia).

Some of the topics covered include the implications for communication of the Canada-U.S. free trade agreement, the U.S. use of media in its war in Central America, the limits to understanding issues imposed by television news, and the possibilities of using media in the promotion of social change.

Written by an international range of experts, scholars, and activists, this book grew out of a conference of the Union for Democratic Communication.

CX4111

Sultans of Sleaze: Public Relations and the Media

Joyce Nelson

Between the Lines

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4

(416) 971-7051

1989, 164 pp, ISBN 0-921284-23-3

An unsettling read, **Sultans of Sleaze** reveals the extent to which we have been deceived by public relations firms on behalf of their unscrupulous clients – the corporations and governments that control our society.

Joyce Nelson investigates the PR firm's dual agenda: the creation of favourable images and the repression of the "shadow side" of their clients' activities. The book cites specific incidents where corporations disguised or diverted attention from infringements on health and safety, the environment, and contributions to domestic and international oppression. Household names such as Nestle, McDonalds, and Ontario Hydro are exposed; government PR strategies are also scrutinized, including those of Argentina's military junta, the Reagan administration, and the Conservative government under Brian Mulroney. The driving forces behind the sleaze are greed and a reluctance to change; as Nelson writes, the practices upon which the global economy is based "are politically, morally, and environmentally bankrupt.... that is why such a tremendous public-relations effort is put into maintaining the status-quo – a redoubling of rhetoric and photo-ops, cosmetic 'change', and meaningless gestures meant to keep us from using our own imaginations to find radical alternatives."

The first PR case outlined in the book describes Ogilvy & Mather's attempt to divert the public attention away from Nestle's marketing of infant formula in Third World clinics and hospitals. The Nestle policy, which encouraged mothers to forgo breastfeeding for the formula, was directly linked to malnutrition and high Third World infant-mortality rates. Ogilvy & Mather's report suggested a series of half-truths and deceptions. Among them was the establishment of "a positive 'do good' public service campaign on behalf of Carnation [a Nestle subsidiary] to show the company's social responsibility." Among the programs considered were "Carnation Combats Cocaine," "Carnation Racial Awareness Program," and "Carnation Care." "Carnation Care" – a foster-care fund for HIV-infected children and infants – was chosen, as it addressed "Public Enemy No. 1."

Other topics and sleaze tactics covered in the book include the new "greening" of corporate PR, psychographic polling, advocacy ads, public affairs lobbying, and news management strategies.

New Resources

The New Resources section presents information about publications, teaching kits, audio-visual materials and other resources relating to social, economic and environmental alternatives. Summaries of new resources are intended to inform readers about the materials' contents and approach, rather than to present either an endorsement or a critical analysis of them. All entries are numbered and indexed in the Name and Subject indices in the back of the Digest.

Development/International

CX4112

Here to Stay: A Resource Kit on Environmentally Sustainable Development

CUSO, 135 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9K7
(613)563-1242

Here to Stay is intended to help groups and individuals increase their awareness and understanding of environmentally sustainable development, and empower them to become more actively involved in work for change in Canada and overseas.

The kit consists of six booklets and nine essays. The introduction provides resources and ideas for leadership and design of educational workshops and activities. Another section includes two educational workshops on the theme of sustainable development and the environment; one is a role play, and the other a workshop based on two case studies.

Nine overview papers on the theme of Environment and Development provide background information for leaders or program participants and are intended to stimulate discussion and critical thinking. Also included are background information on CUSO's overseas programs and projects related to issues of sustainable development, and annotated information on books, print resources, films, videos and slide-tape shows on the theme.

Karimlan, a major simulation game that focuses on the struggle of indigenous people for survival, is designed to accompany this kit (see issue 51, CX3935).

CX4113

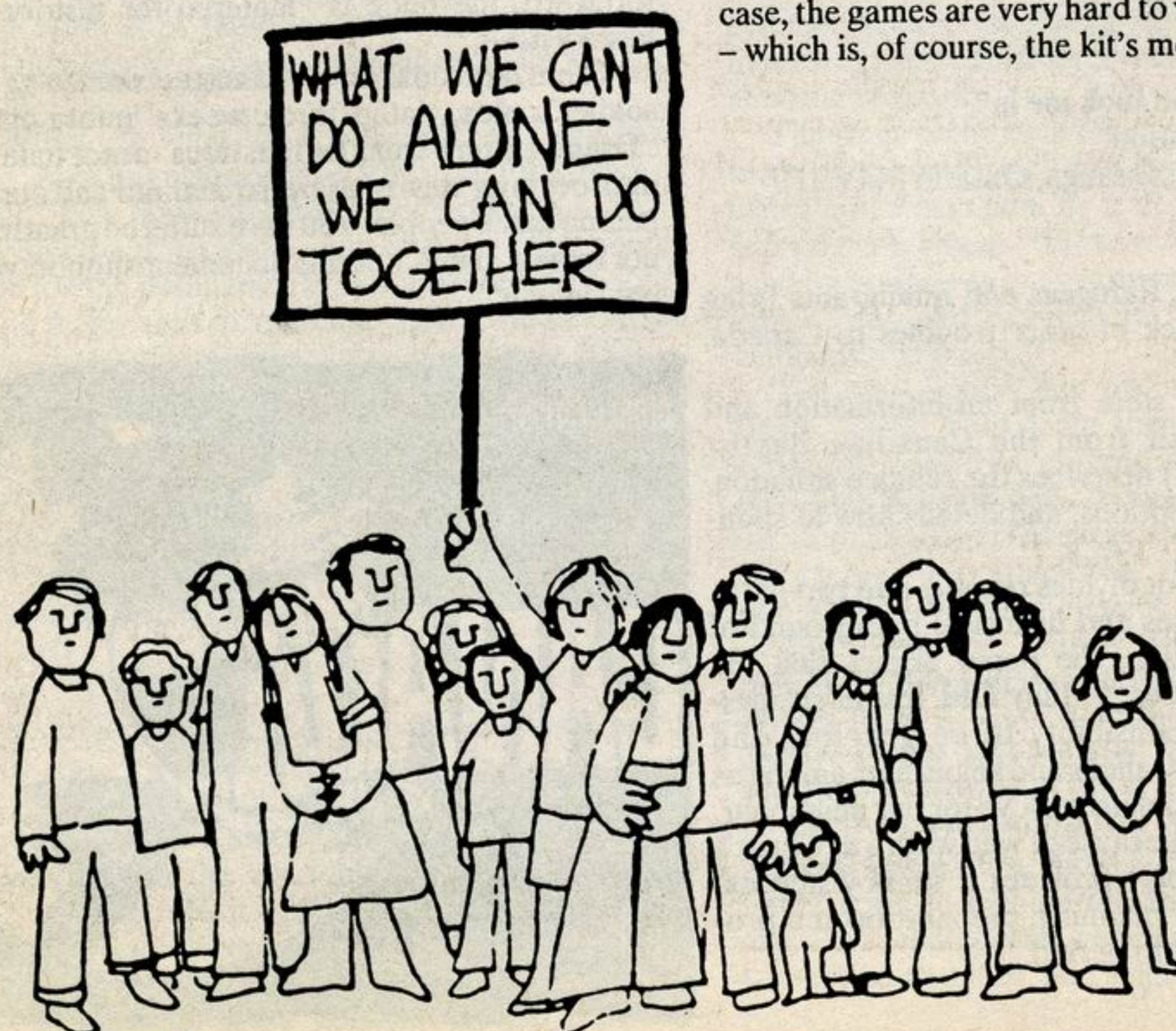
Playing Fair?

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Mississauga, Ontario L5M 2H2

An ingenious mix of entertainment and information, **Playing Fair** explains world hunger to high-school students with games and an attention-grabbing format and layout. The kit consists of five lessons, each accompanied by a board game.

The introductory lesson emphasizes the simple but ignored truth that poverty (and not overpopulation, ignorance, natural disaster or laziness) is the real cause of hunger. Subsequent lessons target more specific topics, illustrating the relation between hunger and land use, the forests, international trade, and the international debt crisis. Outside of the games, information is packed into short, hard-hitting paragraphs: "We like to talk about the 'population explosion' in the Two-Thirds World. But what about the consumption explosion in the West? The average North American kid consumes forty times more of the world's resources (not just food, but energy, water, and manufactured goods) than a kid in the developing world."

The games that accompany the lessons get students actively involved in the issue. In each game, winning involves overcoming some manifestation of poverty and hunger. Depending on the lesson, players represent either a Latin American country trying to get out of debt, an African trade representative trying to obtain a basic supply of oil, farm machinery and processed food, or poor farmers struggling against an advancing desert, struggling to expand their land, or struggling to escape the hunger cycle. In each case, the games are very hard to win – in fact, they're *unfair* – which is, of course, the kit's most important lesson.



CX4114**The Debt Crisis**

Ten Days for World Development

85 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1M8

(416) 922-0591

Designed to produce grassroots support, this Ten Days resource packet outlines specific suggestions for constructive social change concerning the international debt.

As an organization, Ten Days consists of 225 local ecumenical committees working in concert across Canada. In 1988-89, they pursued this stated plan: "That local Ten Days For World Development committees enter into a dialogue with officials of the banks in their communities concerning the effect of the international debt crisis on people and on the environment in the debtor nations." The group is large and effective, having influenced government aid programmes throughout the eighties.

While always centering around international debt, the material in the packet varies considerably, consisting of essays for discussion and study, biblical reflections, proposed church services, prayer vigils, methodology, and personal testimonies. Also included is the important action guide, which outlines strategies for approaching and engaging bank managers, and running meetings.

A well-documented and thorough kit, it nevertheless is dependent upon effective work at the local level and needs a strong network of committed groups to take on the responsibility for local programmes.

Ten Days For World Development is supported by the Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Churches of Canada, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, and by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

CX4115**"I was a stranger and you took me in"**

Canadian Baptist Federation

7185 Milcreek Drive, Mississauga, Ontario M4V 1P7

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1989

Why sponsor a refugee? Refugees and immigrants bring crime, disease and a pack of other troubles to Canada, don't they?

Such misconceptions stem from misinformation and poor education. This kit from the Canadian Baptist Refugee Services (CBRS) describes the refugee situation, explains typical misconceptions, and details how to sponsor a refugee.

The main body of the kit divides roughly into two parts. Looking at the root causes and historical background of the world refugee situation, the paper argues that the Christian duty is to sponsor: "Many Old Testament passages speak of our responsibility to be generous and hospitable to the strangers, aliens and sojourners among us The New Testament emphasizes love for our neighbour, and acting in compassion because of who we are as Christ's followers." The second part provides a step-by-step explanation of each stage of planning, preparation and procedure during a sponsorship period.

The kit includes background on CBRS and its efforts to publicize the plight of refugees, to find sponsors, and to educate its constituents about international issues of justice and freedom.

Although directed towards Baptist congregations and small groups, the kit will be of interest to anybody wishing to sponsor a refugee. The appendix lists dozens of related groups and contacts for assistance and information.

CX4116**Voices from Tiananmen Square: Beijing Spring and the Democracy Movement**

Mok Chiu Yu and J. Frank Harrison (ed.)

Black Rose Books

P.O. Box 1258, Station Place du Parc

Montreal, Quebec H2W 2R3

1990, 203 pp, \$19.95, ISBN 0-921689-58-6

In *Voices from Tiananmen Square*, editors Mok Chiu Yu and Frank Harrison have brought together original documents, translated for the first time into English, including speeches, handbills, posters, manifestos, interviews, and eye-witness reports of the massacre and its aftermath. As such, *Voices* is an invaluable primary source for those who want to know more about the spring upheaval.

Because of its format, the book gives little indication of what effect the news from the capital may have had on the peasants (who make up three quarters of the Chinese population), nor of what was going on among China's ruling groups (except in so far as it directly affected the students and their fellow protestors). What this book does offer is the perspective of students, workers, soldiers, and intellectuals. As George Woodcock points out in the foreword, the book is "material for history rather than history itself."

There are dozens of passages similar to this one, a soldier's plea, dated three weeks before the slaughter: "Friends, don't treat us like dogs, don't hate us. We will improve your view of us by our manner and our actions. We belong to the people. You have suffered greatly, and we will not remain silent. Let this document support you. It is late, but sincere."



Economy/Poverty/Work

CX4117

Not A Sentimental Journey: What's behind the VIA Rail cuts, What YOU can do about it

Jo Davis (ed.)

Turnaround Decade Group

23 James Street, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2S8

1990, 240 pp, \$9.95, ISBN0-921078-01-3

This book gives the real reasons why VIA failed and why we need an *expanded* rail service. Davis attacks the official reasons for the cuts, disproving the claim that we can't support rail service on our sparse population. The editor makes the argument in a punchy, fast-paced format: a compilation of interviews, statistics, House of Commons debates, rail trivia, political cartoons, and newspaper articles (including pieces by such heavyweights as David Suzuki and Dalton Camp). All of this is stitched together by frequent editorial commentary and summed up in practical plans of action.

One of the more effective arguments presented in the book counters the government's claim that only three percent of Canadians use the rail. In establishing the popularity of air travel, the government drew on ridership statistics from over 50 scheduled Canadian airlines; trans-border, overseas, and freight flights were included. Bus statistics included Toronto's GO-Transit and Montreal's MUCTC. When it came to rail statistics, *only* VIA was considered (which puts it at a fraction of the other two); omitted are GO-Transit, MUCTC Transit, B.C. Rail, Ontario Northland, Algoma, two shared AMTRAK routes, and others. With all of these included, rail *quintuples* its passenger services in Canada, beating out air and bus respectively.

In defending the need for a passenger rail service in Canada, Jo Davis has also advanced the need for a new way of thinking: "This book isn't just about trains, but about trains as a metaphor for values and change." The people responsible for the book, the Turnaround Decade Group, focus on the major shift in values needed to make critical economic and environmental changes by the year 2000.

CX4118

Democracy for Jobs: Policies for Full Employment and Economic Democracy

Ted Jackson, Richie Allen, Skip McCarthy, Roger Peters

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

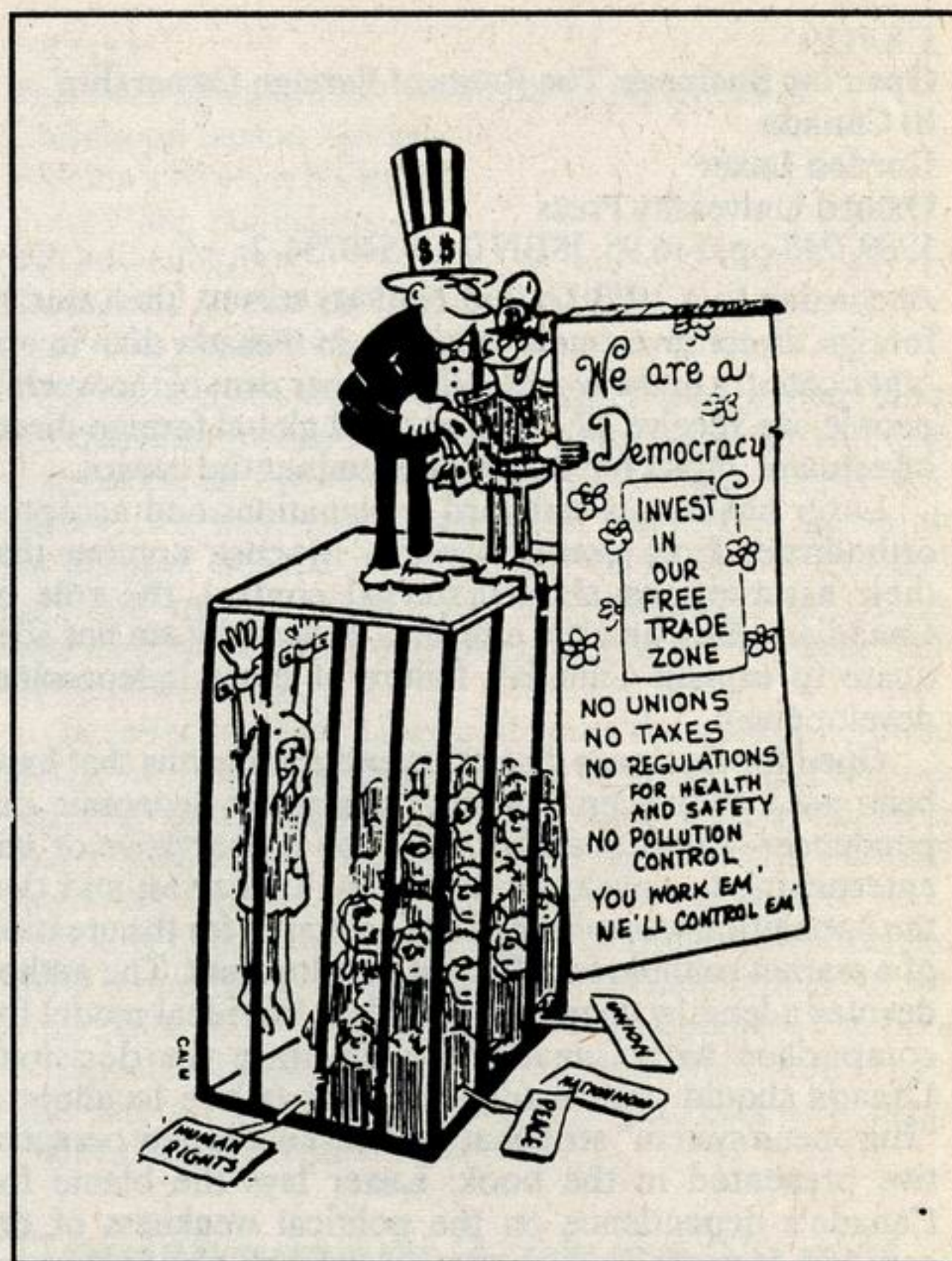
904 - 251 Laurier West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J6

(613) 563-1341

1989, 40 pp

"Neoconservatives are noisy, self-appointed champions of democracy and freedom. However, their concept of democracy extends only to politics. After all, for them economics is the terrain, and, indeed the responsibility, of elites. Democracy in the economy is simply not on the neoconservative agenda; it can't be."

This paper presents concrete, practical policies which promote full employment and economic democracy. "Vigorous pursuit" of these policies "at this time will



enable Canada to become a full and robust player in the new world economy." The thrust of the argument is that democratizing ownership and decision-making in the economy creates jobs and generates popular commitment to making a restructured, retooled and more global national economy work.

The three sections of the paper contain specific recommendations outlining short-term or medium-term action which could be taken by a department or agency of the federal government. "These recommendations can be pursued by politicians in government or in opposition, and by all citizens and workers in Canada concerned about democracy and jobs."

The first section lays out a four-task agenda for the 1990s. To be built from the ground up, a democratic economy requires expanding efforts in community economic development, expanding the co-operative sector, democratizing the large corporate sector, and finally, increasing the capacity of municipalities to serve as catalysts of local development.

The second part of the report discusses ways of raising capital for these plans. Methods include a national stock savings plan, pension fund investment in real estate and venture capital opportunities, employee investment funds, and ethical investment funds and revolving loan funds.

The last section addresses inequalities and complexities in the labour market, and suggests policies to combat them. Issues covered include the role of women in the labour market, technological change and trade unions, peace, conversion and jobs, and single-industry towns.

CX4119**Open for Business: The Roots of Foreign Ownership in Canada****Gordon Laxer**

Oxford University Press

1989, 248 pp, \$16.95, ISBN 0-19-540734-2

According to a 1983 United Nations survey, the value of foreign direct investment is higher in Canada than in any other country in the world. With 0.5 per cent of the world's people, we receive 17 per cent of all global foreign direct investment. *Open for Business* examines the causes.

Laxer challenges standard explanations and accepted orthodoxies from conservative to Marxist, arguing that their assumptions about external control, the role of Canadian elites, and the effects of geography are not adequate to explain Canada's failure at more independent development.

Open for Business discredits enduring myths that have been used to explain Canada's continued economic dependence – that Canadians were too conservative or unenterprising to develop industry by themselves; and that the population was too small and scattered for the creation of a market suitable for efficient development. The author devotes a lengthy chapter to Sweden, "an ideal model for comparison with Canada," to illustrate the decisions Canada should have made. Canada's failure to adopt a "European system" strikes at the heart of the new perspective presented in the book: Laxer lays the blame for Canada's dependence on the political weakness of organized farmers in Canada: "Although the industrial revolution eventually relegated agriculture to a minor place in the economic scheme of things, agrarian classes usually had a major impact on the direction of early industrialization before their influence ebbed away."

CX4120**The Supermarket Tour: A Handbook for Education and Action****OPIRG/GRIPO**

#201-455 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G8

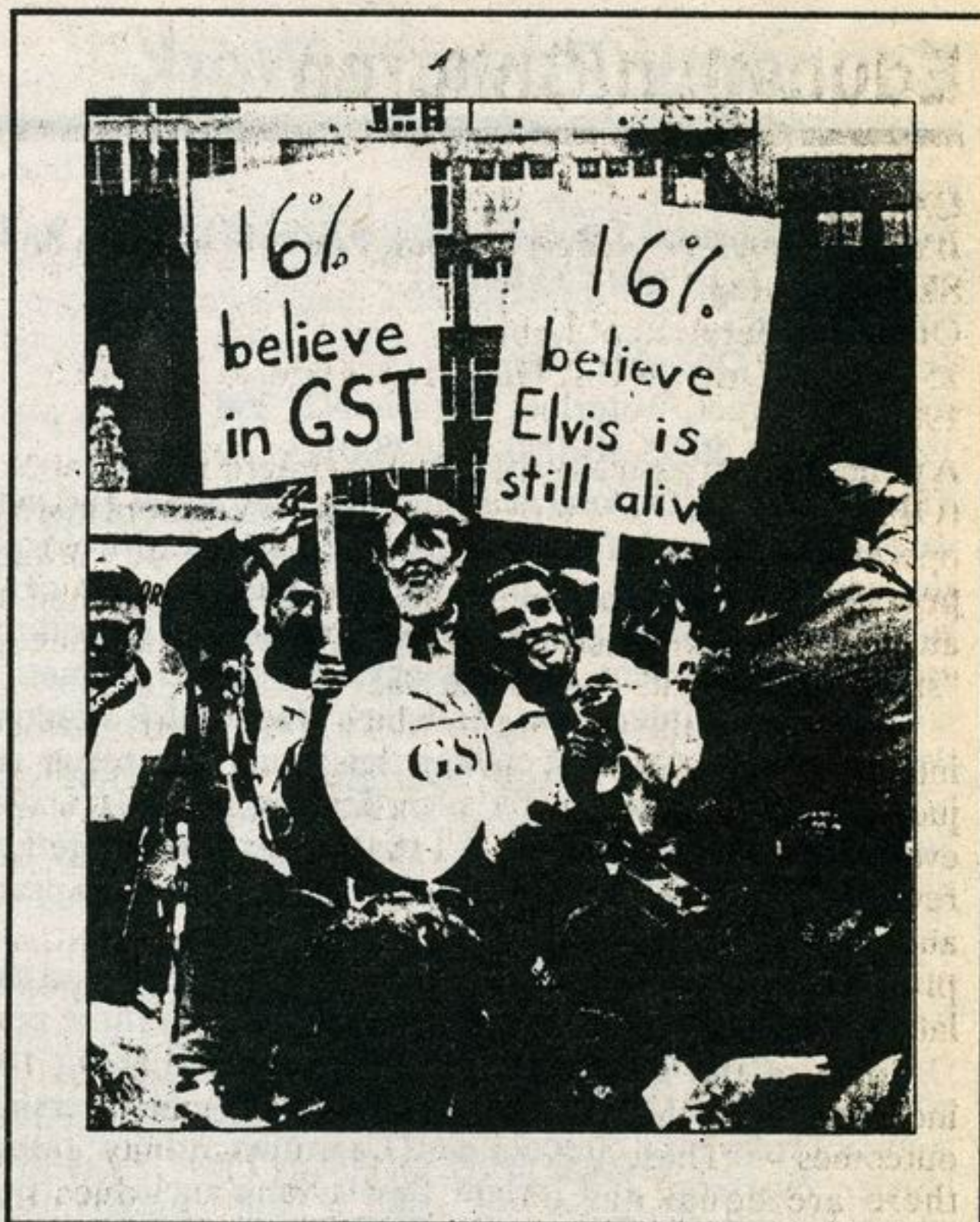
(416) 598-1576

1990, 58 pp, \$6, ISBN 0-920815-12-X

The Supermarket Tour is a handbook for action on food issues in Canada. It guides people through the store and gives summaries of many of the products on the shelves. As the author admits, the Supermarket Tour does not provide simple answers, but it does create a focus for discussion.

The author feels this booklet is a do-it-yourself kit for educational use by local groups. It provides enough background information for a non-expert to plan and lead a tour and can also be read as a personal study guide.

The booklet is divided into five parts. Part one is an overview of trends in the food system and provides the foundation on which the rest of the booklet rests. Topics covered include organic farming, food banks, food for export, corporate concentration, pesticide uses, advertising, excess packaging, hunger, vertical integration and nutritional value.

**CX4121****Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility 1988-89 Annual Report**

129 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1N5

(416) 923-1758

1989, 85 pp, ISSN 0711-7000

The taskforce which published this report is a national ecumenical coalition of the major Christian churches in Canada. Established in 1975, its purpose is to respond wherever decisions by Canadian corporations appear to have an adverse effect on vulnerable groups of people who have no power to affect these decisions themselves. They urge corporations to correct policies and to cease activities that contribute to social injustice. Issues of social justice in Southern Africa and Latin America are central to their international agenda, while environmental issues, particularly as they affect Native peoples, are their primary focus in Canada.

The report summarizes the activities of the taskforce as of August, 1988. Concerns included government policy as well as corporation policies with relation to Canadian forest land management, Third World debt, military exports to countries violating human rights, relations with Southern Africa, the impact of hydro-electric and mining projects on the peoples and ecology of Brazil, and responsible investment.

The report and a list of taskforce publications are available at no charge. Subscribers to TCCR Mailing (6 issues a year plus the annual for \$25) receive press clippings on recent events related to TCCR's work, all publications issued, briefs presented and reports of hearings or annual meetings of companies and banks.

Education/Children

CX4122

It's Our Own Knowledge: Labour, Public Education & Skills Training

Ontario Federation of Labour

15 Gervais Drive, #202, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 1Y8

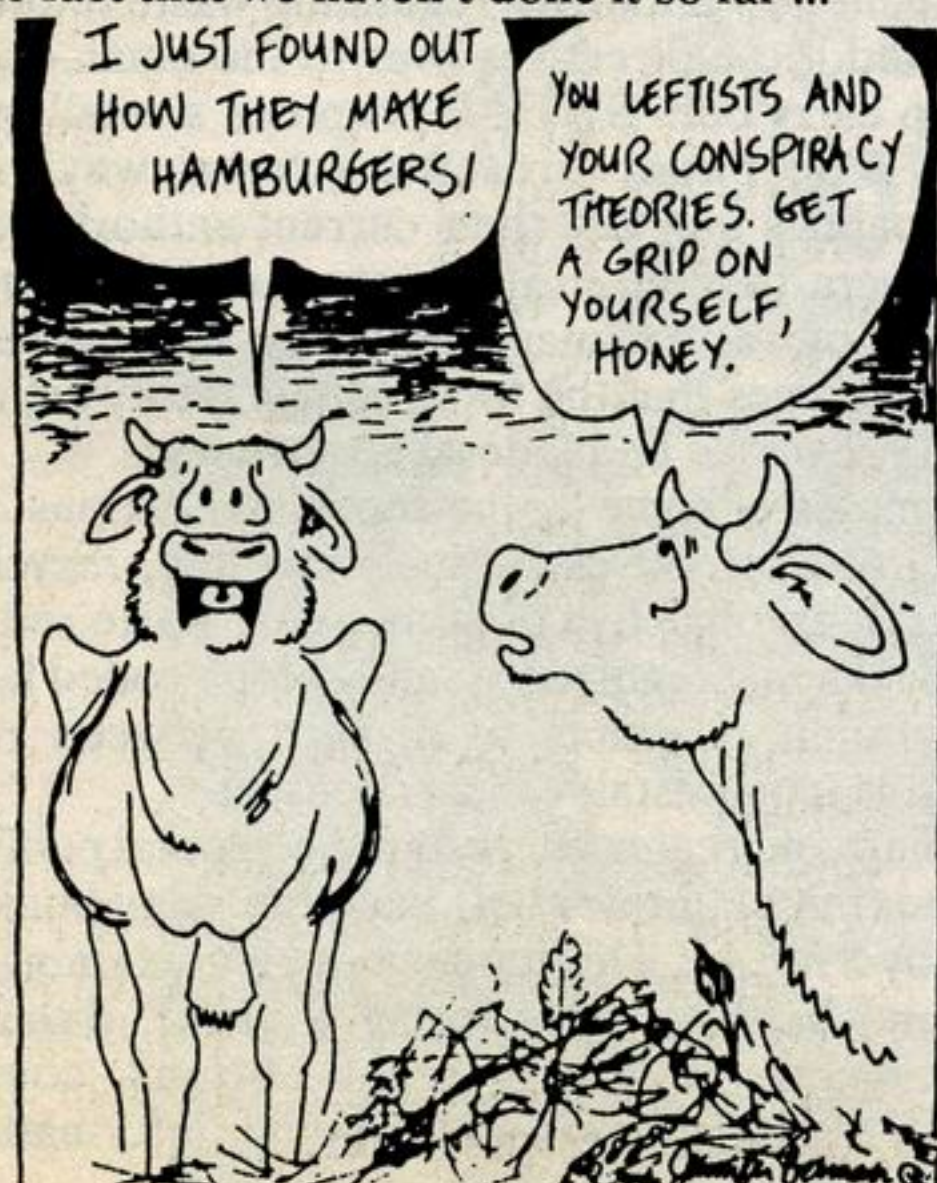
1989, 134 pp,

A policy paper passed by the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) in the 1980's bluntly stated that "our school system operates against the interests of the children of working people." This book, a compilation of papers presented at an OFL conference in May, 1989, addresses the issue of "streaming" and its consequences.

Streaming is the practise by which students are divided into informal or formal groups based on the teacher's judgment of their abilities – "a sorting from which few will ever recover." Jim Turk writes that study after study has revealed that "grouping reflects social standing more than any measure of achievement or ability. The bottom-stream programs in any school board are almost entirely populated by working class children."

Some of the solutions proposed by the contributors include shifting the focus from equal opportunity to equal outcomes – "There can be no equal opportunity unless there are equal outcomes" and changing education through politics (the NDP specifically). One paper presents a prioritized, seven-step reform system (including training, staffing, organized parents, etc.). Other papers discuss the role of education in improving the worker's lot in general.

One of the book's more startling passages is a quote from Ronald Edmonds, a former Assistant Superintendent of New York schools: "We can, whenever we choose, successfully educate all children whose schooling is of interest to us. We already know more than we need, in order to do this. Whether we do it must finally depend on how we feel about the fact that we haven't done it so far ..."



CX4123

Recollecting our Lives: Women's Experiences of Childhood Sexual Abuse

Women's Research Centre

Press Gang Publishers

603 Powell Street

Vancouver British Columbia V6A 1H2

1989, 272 pp, ISBN 0-88974-019-4

This book deals with women's experience of childhood sexual abuse from analysis of the abuse itself through consequences, and towards healing in later life. Based upon interviews with seventeen adult survivors and eight mothers of abused children, the book serves less as a scholarly text than as aid and encouragement for women and children who are still struggling to survive abuse and its consequences.

Recollecting Our Lives addresses the atmosphere and detail of family life, the violence, coercion, and misused authority of the abuser, and the confusion, powerlessness, and psychological and emotional trauma of the victim. It describes the consequences of the abuse in later life – crippling confusion, extremes of behaviour, self-estrangement – and the process of healing, including positive survival skills, self-awareness, and self-acceptance. The book is critical of the disregard for women's and children's rights and safety by institutions prepared to "excuse abusers' behaviour and to blame the victim."

Environment/Nature/Rural

CX4124

Greenprint for Canada: A Federal Agenda for the Environment

Greenprint for Canada Committee

111 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5B5

1989, 31pp,

Twenty-eight organizations, including the Assembly of First Nations, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Energy Probe, Friends of the Earth, and the World Wildlife Fund Canada, produced **Greenprint for Canada** after a six month collaborative effort. It offers the federal government a comprehensive agenda for the environment.

Forty-three recommendations are made that would affect the mandates of many federal departments and agencies. Among the recommendations are eight for immediate action that would "save taxpayers billions, help reduce the federal deficit, yet help solve important environmental problems." The groups urge the government to:

- * Cancel subsidies to energy magaprojects that harm the environment;
- * Enact a new environmental assessment law, so there is adequate federal review of all policies, programs and projects that affect the environment;
- * Vigorously enforce and update the Fisheries Act regulations for industries that pollute Canada's waterways;
- * Set stringent auto emissions standards to stop smog and acid rain;
- * Ban the sale of irradiated foods in Canada;

- * Commit to a 20 per cent reduction in Canada's carbon dioxide emissions;
- * Stop uranium mining in the North;
- * Protect endangered species by adequately enforcing the Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

The Greenprint for Canada Committee plans to monitor the performance of the federal government in addressing these and other environmental concerns over coming months and years.

CX4125

Sustainable Community Development: An Introductory Guide

Nonita T. Yap

Ontario Environmental Network

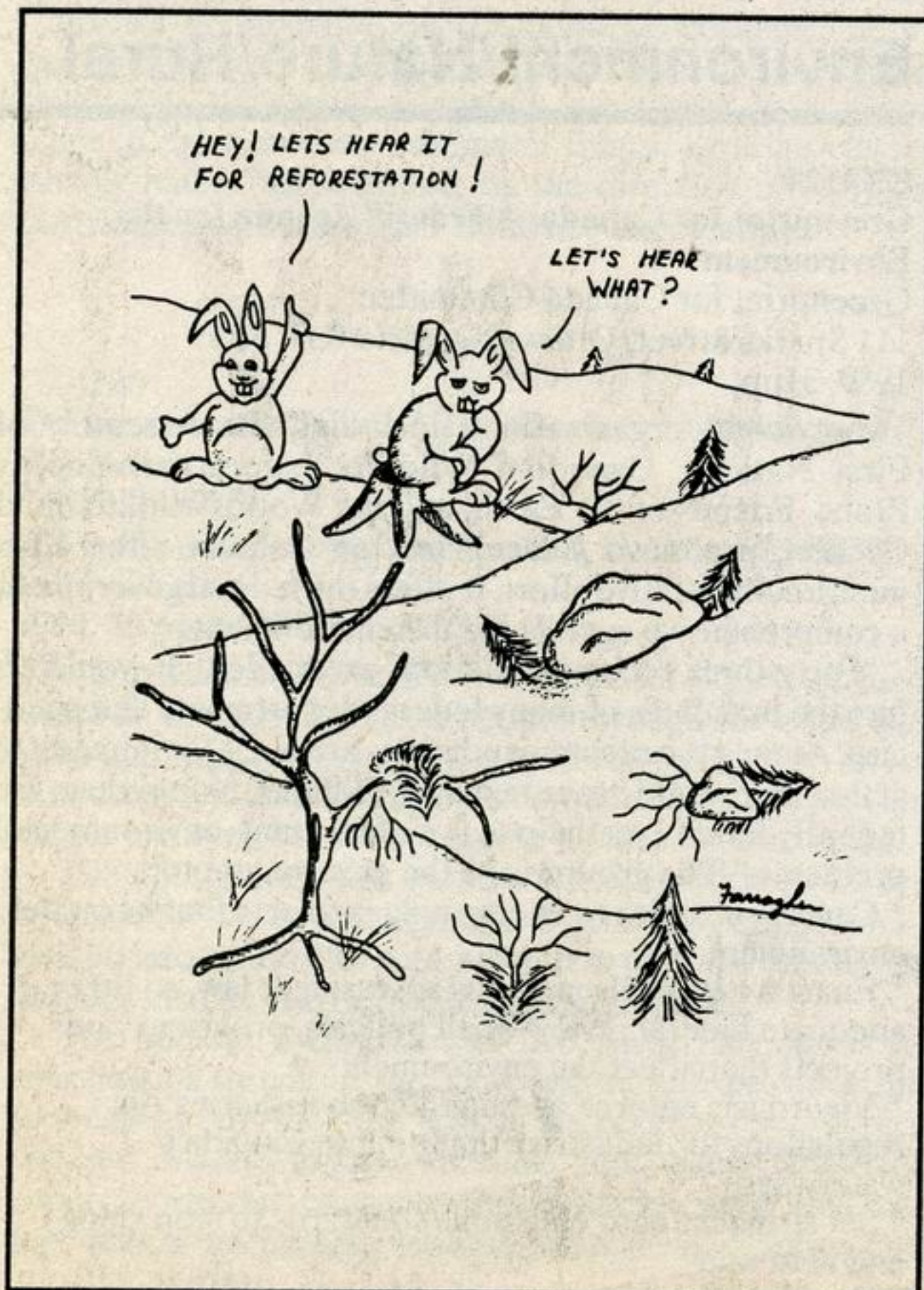
Box 125, Station P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2Z7

(416)588-3842

1989, 14 pp

Although the concept of sustainable development has gained popularity with industry, economists, government and environmentalists, it seems there may not be a shared definition. This fifteen-page booklet lays out the key concepts, arrives at a definition, and provides a ten-point sustainability checklist. The booklet also includes a list of some important publications and films on the issue of sustainable development.

The skeleton of the checklist is as follows:



A. The decision-making process should be

1. Controlled locally
2. Decentralized
3. Iterative (e.g. institutionalized monitoring of program, project impacts and effectiveness)

B. The resource use and pattern should promote

4. Local integration of the economy
5. Self-sufficiency

C. The nature, scale and use of technology should enhance

6. Diversity
7. Equity
8. Leisure

D. The policy/program/project should encourage

9. Population stability
10. Greening and beautification of the urban environment

CX4126

A Regulatory Agenda for Solid Waste Reduction

SWEAP, Department of Works, Metro Toronto

439 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1Y8

Prepared and funded by SWEAP, this discussion paper is about using regulation to reduce municipal solid waste. The plan will determine Metropolitan Toronto's waste management system for the next twenty to forty years.

The first of five parts offers a brief overview of the nature and extent of the waste management problems confronting our society. It underscores the ecological imperative of waste reduction, and examines the need to fundamentally revise the assumptions that have allowed our 'throw-away' society to flourish.

Part II describes several criteria for evaluating strategies to reduce solid wastes. It warns of the difficulties of devising these strategies, given the lack of information we have about the waste we generate. It also provides a glossary of related terms.

Parts III to V lay out the regulatory powers of municipal, provincial and federal governments in relation to solid waste. Traditionally, provincial and federal governments implement new initiatives regulating waste reduction, and then hand these directives over to the municipal government to carry out. SWEAP proposes a small turning-of-tables. The paper presents several ways in which municipalities may use their current authority, and some new powers, to reduce solid waste. And since "the primary emphasis of waste management must become reduction," SWEAP argues that the focus of regulatory action should shift to provincial and federal governments.

Examples of some of the recommendations include: a ranking of alternatives (reduction, reuse, recycling, then recovery); an objective of 60 per cent waste reduction by 1998; packaging regulations; and colour-coded labelling of store-bought products to discern between re-usable, recyclable, compostable, hazardous, etc.

Perhaps of greater interest to the general public are less detailed (but better written) pamphlets and booklets published by SWEAP. They come in a kit containing SWEAP news and booklets introducing SWEAP, discussing the problems, waste management options, composting, methods of getting involved, and other information.

Health

CX4127

Critical Paths: Organizing on Health Issues in the Community

Jennifer Keck, Henriette Dauphinais, John Lewko
Between the Lines

Available from DEC Book Distribution

229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4

1989, 144 pp, \$11.95, ISBN 0-919946-93-3

Critical Paths sets out specific methods for developing, selling, and implementing a local health education or health promotion program. The emphasis is on building public support for services and resources. The chapters divide into a three sided approach – mapping out the community to help determine its specific features and needs, building support in the community, and dealing with possible resistance or opposition to the new programs. Subjects include organizing support for new initiatives, co-ordinating services, conducting meetings, lobbying, dealing with controversy and developing a publicity strategy.

The book is straightforward and clear. Frequently, suggested procedures are in point form, accompanied by examples and checklist questions. For example, a section on how to inspire people to take part includes a short discussion of motivation, six basic considerations (e.g. "anticipate why people may not want to be involved"), questions to consider (e.g. "what can this group realistically accomplish?"), a list of obstacles that might prevent people from attending, and how to overcome them.

Human Rights/Civil Liberties

CX4128

Liberties

John Russell (ed.)

New Star Books

2504 York Avenue

Vancouver, British Columbia V6K 1E3

1989, 246 pp, \$14.95, ISBN 0-819573-91-6

Liberties is offered up to the Canadian public in the hope that its collection of 17 articles, briefs, essays, and other pieces will help promote and safeguard our civil liberties.

Aside from the subject of civil liberties itself, the book addresses the civil libertarian approach to such issues as censorship and freedom of speech, victimless crimes, and police powers. Specific articles target AIDS testing, legal aid, drug use, and psychological testing by employers. The editor has deliberately selected contributions from a wide range of media "in an effort to indicate the ways in which these ideas enter public discussion and inform our thinking and actions."

One of the articles explores the dilemma of pornography: "if, as the feminists argued, pornography was at once the symptom of inequality and actually productive of oppression, then the classical civil libertarian arguments against censorship were no longer relevant." The debate over the nature of pornography heated up in the seventies, as did "the time of sorrow for civil libertarians", whose ranks split over the issue. The anti-censorship position was



buttressed by sociologist Thelma McCormack, whose research disputed the relationship between violence and pornography. Since then, the contributor writes, women artists, writers, and film-makers are having to lean "into a relentlessly resistive set of cultural and political forces" in order to discover what women want. The article ends with the thought that "we cannot afford *not* to let one another at least imagine what we want. Because imagining what we want is the way in which human beings both discover and decide what is wanted. And if we aren't free to give expression to our figuring, we will neither know what to hope for nor what to give."

Lesbians/Gays

CX4129

Lesbians in Canada

Sharon Dale Stone (ed.)

Between the Lines

Available from DEC Book Distribution

229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4

(416) 971-7051

1990, 233 pp, \$15.95, ISBN 0-921284-29-2

Divided into three parts, this anthology looks at various aspects of lesbian life in modern Canadian society: the diversity of lesbian experience, ranging from old age to physical disability; the lesbian perspective in relation to law, human rights, education, academe, and sex; and efforts to organize lesbians and lesbian studies in Canada.

Most of the essays touch on the same theme eventually: overcoming society's "lesbophobia." A good example is the chapter on the difficulties faced by lesbians who teach in public school. The choice to come out as a lesbian is complicated, as the teacher could lose her authority in the classroom, her credibility with her peers, and her "appropriateness" with parents: "The mothers come in and they talk about their kids. It's really nice for them to have someone to talk to. And I would think about how these women would open up to me. And I would think: 'if they only knew that I'm a lesbian and that their child – a six-year-old thing – is with me.' They would just be shocked. They would be pulling their kids out." In the image they present, teachers are careful to avoid any overt or blatant statements, and all have found specific ways to not draw attention to their private lives.

As an insight into the life experience of lesbians, the book could not be improved upon: "The focus of the anthology is on the experiential; most articles are based on interview data, and spend more time giving voice to those interviewed than analyzing what was said." The strength of *Lesbians in Canada* is in this interview format; as one contributor concludes, she wrote her essay to be "practical and useful ... for those who are interested in countering everyday objections to lesbian lifestyle."

On domination

Was there ever any domination which did not appear natural to those who possessed it?

– John Stuart Mill, *The Subjection of Women*

CX4130

Hidden From History: Reclaiming the Gay & Lesbian Past

Martin Bauml Duberman, Martha Vicinus, George Chauncey, Jr. (eds.)

New American Library

1989, 580 pp, \$29.95, ISBN 0-453-00689-2

Hidden from History is a collection of essays analyzing the political, philosophical, and social history of homosexuality from the Ancient World to the Postwar Era. Thirty pieces cover different periods and societies from a variety of perspectives (e.g. "Lesbian Sexuality in Medieval and Early Modern Europe," "The Lesbian and Gay Subculture of Jazz Age Harlem"). The editors have included subjects frequently overlooked in the field, such as homosexuality in third-world societies, the patterns of homosexual behaviour in everyday life, and (in the biographical essays) the influence of the subject's homosexuality on work and career.

A collection of "some of the most exciting recent work" in the study of gay and lesbian history, the book summarizes the research done in the last decade and points to questions which must still be addressed. The editors sum up the book's *raison d'être* in the introduction: "personal sexual behaviour is never simply a private matter, but is always shaped by and shapes the wider social and political milieu."

Peace

CX4131

Our Future at Stake A Teenager's Guide to Stopping the Nuclear Arms Race

Melinda Moore and Laurie Olsen

New Society

Available from DEC Book Distribution

229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4

(416) 971-7051

1985, 68 pp, \$9.95, ISBN 0-86571-054-6

The first half of *Our Future at Stake* discusses the problem itself: the arms race, how it started, how much it costs, why some believe the weapons are necessary, and how arms control works. The second half of the book discusses possible action, including education, non-violent protest, voting, lobbying, and methods of influencing the media. *Our Future* is attractively laid out like a magazine, the format aggressive and entertaining: statistics, cartoons, and graphics frame well-documented information; quotes from students line the margin of each page: "I think any action is worth doing. Demonstrations make me feel happy and exhilarated. People focus on love of life rather than death or fear. It's great."

Homophobia in high places

Some of these ridiculous grants are enough to make me bring up.... Whether the arm's length funding is considered sacrosanct or not, we're going to tamper with it.

– Federal Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek, attacking a Canada Council grant to the gay theatre group, *Buddies in Bad Times*

Women

CX4132

Race, Class, Gender: Bonds and Barriers

Jesse Vorst et al. (ed.)

Society for Socialist Studies/Between the Lines

Available from DEC Book Distribution

229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4

(416) 971-7051

1990, 264 pp, \$19.95, ISBN 0-921284-26-8

This anthology tackles the heated debate now gripping various socially and politically active organizations: is the women's movement unwittingly racist? How are the politics of race, class and gender related?

The book takes historical and theoretical approaches to the themes of race, class and gender. Issues touched on include the role of the state in organizing gender and ethnic group formation through colonization, immigration and other "nation-building" practices; the effects of slavery on black women; systemic racism in the women's movement; the concept of patriarchy; colonial domination of Indian women; racism and sexism in trade unions; the development of a women's centre and cooperatives in Mexico.

One representative article argues that contemporary feminists do not consider differences among women based on race or class. The leaders of the women's movement - highly educated, white, comfortable - are not aware of race and class oppression. By overlooking the 'multiplicity of women's experience,' they risk becoming the oppressors, excluding women more powerless than themselves. When they refer to women, they refer to white women. Racism is thus a serious problem to be confronted by the feminist movement, a racism "entrenched in our ways of thinking."

CX4133

Essential Publications on Women's Questions

International Labour Office

#202 - 75 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5E7

(613) 233-1114/5

1989, 16 pp, free

This fifteen-page pamphlet abstracts twenty-five publications on women and the work force. All the titles are international in scope; seventeen are from the Women,

Work and Development series, each individual book targeting a specific society (Bangkok, Yemen, South America, Sri Lanka, Hungary, Egypt, India, the Third World, Cyprus, China, West Africa, Latin America, Oceania, Turkey, Cuba); reference books of statistics and labour reviews comprise the other titles.

CX4134

You Can't Kill the Spirit

Pam McAllister

New Society Publishers

Available from DEC Book Distribution

229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4

(416) 971-7051

1988, 237 pp, \$13.95, ISBN 0-86571-131-3

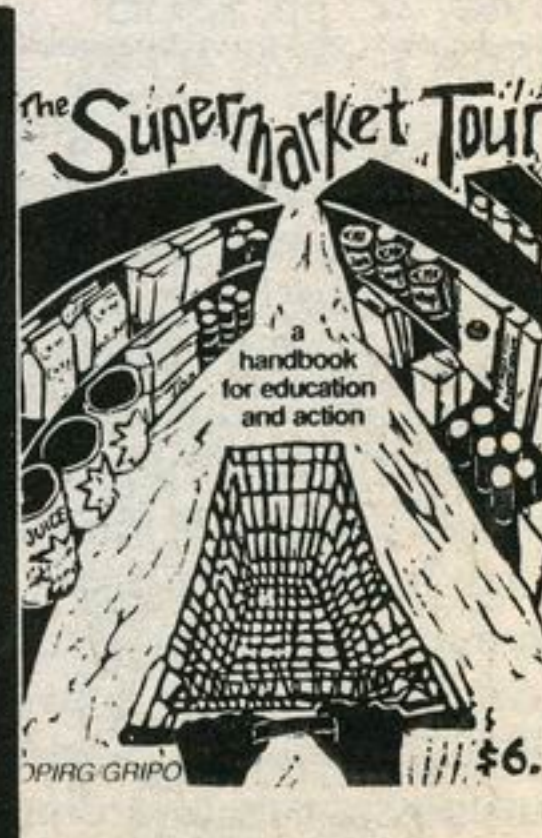
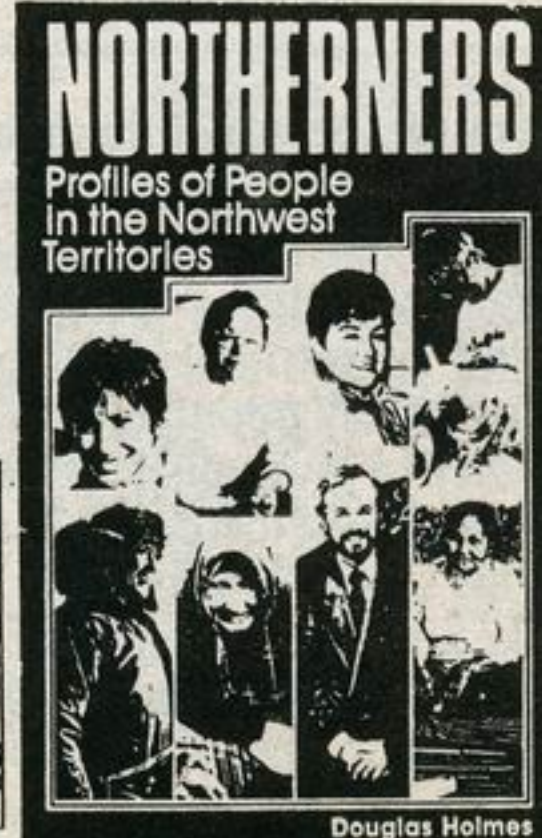
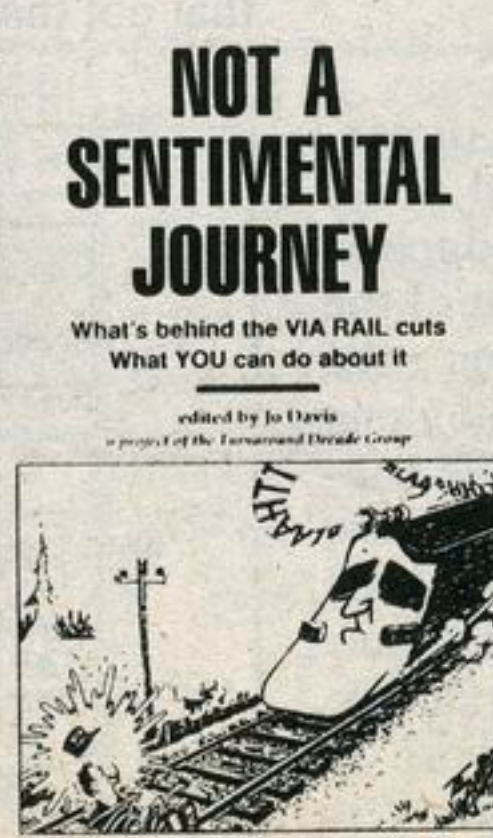
You Can't Kill the Spirit is a collection of stories that testify to "women's courage, inventiveness and effectiveness in using nonviolent strategies to struggle for women's rights, economic self-sufficiency, liberation, human dignity and self-determination."

McAllister preaches a complex path to truth. The greatest appeal of non-violence, she believes, is a recognition of the complexity of issues, a denial of the dualistic, polarizing approach to thinking that characterizes violent tactics: "I mean the complexity which requires us to name an underpaid working man who beats his wife both as someone who is oppressed and as an oppressor."

The author has gathered together dozens of stories of women's nonviolent resistance, and grouped them in chapters to illustrate different tactics. Divided roughly into three, these chapters explore *nonviolent protest and persuasion*, which includes such tactics as lobbying, demonstrating, picketing, and petitioning; *nonviolent non-cooperation*, including boycotts, strikes and tax resistance; and *nonviolent intervention*, including such tactics as physical obstruction, blockades, civil disobedience and sit-ins.

McAllister hopes her research will stimulate the imaginations of activists and spur them on to new action, "in the great tradition of the women whose stories fill this book." She invites readers to mail in any details about women's nonviolent action, and has convinced her publishers to make this book the first in a series.

Appendices list non-violent events by chronology and nation as well as activists mentioned throughout the book.



Social Justice/General

CX4135

End of the Line: Inside Canada's Nursing Homes

Maria Bohuslawsky

James Lorimer & Company

1989, 238 pp, \$16.95, ISBN 1-55028-290-5

End of the Line is a well-written, emotionally taxing account of the grim reality of life in nursing homes. Sketches of nursing-home residents, their families, and nursing-home staff, reveal a generation suffering neglect and abuse, stripped of self-respect, confined to "dangerous, dirty, depressing and de-personalized" nursing homes.

A good example of the abuse in the system is the misadministration of medication. Over-rushed and understaffed, the nurses will use medication – without the consent of a physician – to subdue active residents "instead of holding their hands for a few minutes, or talking with them." "Nurses create 'elderly zombies who no longer have a personality of their own'. What's more, residents will occasionally be given the wrong medicine, a "med error": "Med errors probably happen every day. Documented med errors happen four of five times a week. That's when a nurse has actually gone and said, 'I gave this in error.'" As a result, some people may get drugs that are contra-indicated, epileptics may not get their anti-seizure medicine, and as one nurse admits, "I know lots of times when people don't get their antibiotics when they have an infection."

Bohuslawsky, the journalist-author currently with the *Ottawa Citizen*, investigates all angles of the issue, profiling the residents, reporting on the profit-seekers who operate the homes, and visiting the dedicated, caring people who are trying to improve the system. The book ends with a positive chapter suggesting possible alternatives to institutionalization.

CX4136

Northerners: Profiles of People in the Northwest Territories

Douglas Holmes

James Lorimer & Company

1989, 225 pp, \$29.95

ISBN 1-55028-215-8

Northerners seeks to present the personal, human dimension of a third of our country – that huge spread of 3.3 million square kilometres up north. The introduction reminds us that even though the entire population of the Northwest Territories could fit into the SkyDome, the people are as diverse as the densely populated band along our southern border. Written in a journalistic style, **Northerners** profiles 24 inhabitants of the Northwest Territories, each in about six pages. This seems limiting, but Holmes merges Stuart MacLean-like anecdotes with choice details to create touching, convincing portraits. Some portraits are of native leaders, some of politicians, some of those in business, some of ordinary citizens almost unknown.



CX4137

The Modern North: People, Politics and the Rejection of Colonialism

Kenneth Coates & Judith Powell

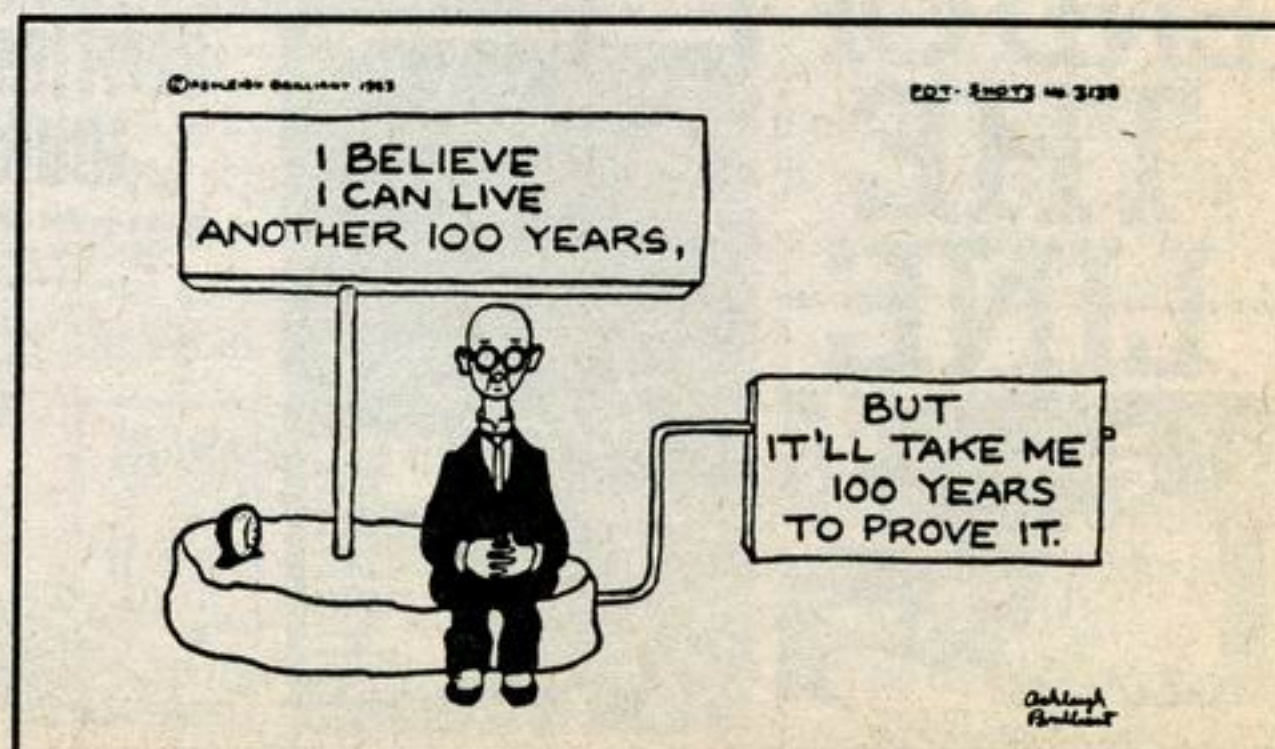
James Lorimer & Company

1989, 168 pp, \$16.95, ISBN 1-55028-120-8

"Since confederation, the northern Territories have been Canada's colonies; now, the North is fighting back, demanding political equality and the right to develop as its residents see fit." **The Modern North** describes a society in transformation, from the Berger inquiry of 1975, when Canadians began to pay attention to their Northland, to the present.

Coates and Powell have grouped the chapters thematically to focus on six aspects of the new North: people, economy, territorial politics, bureaucrats, Native mobilization and northern culture. They take their most confrontational stance in the chapter on territorial politics, when discussing Meech Lake.

After a fairly optimistic chapter describing the introduction of political parties in the Yukon and the creation of consensus government in the Northwest Territories, the book confronts the Meech Lake "betrayal". With some bitterness, the authors review the Meech process and its implications: how the Territories were not invited to take part in the discussions, and how without consultation the federal authority to create provinces was given over to unanimous provincial approval, (thereby dashing the hopes of the Yukon and Northwest Territories for provincial status). The "dream of northern constitutional reforms" has been "uncaringly trampled on" by the first ministers. After 15 years of optimism, Meech Lake "hammered home, as few government or political actions could, that not that much has really changed."



CX4138
Beyond the War on Drugs: Overcoming a Failed Public Policy

Steven Wisotsky
 Prometheus Books
 700 East Amherst Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14215 U.S.A.
 1990, 280 pp, \$15.95, ISBN 0-87975-587-3

Written by a professor of legal studies, **Beyond the War on Drugs** argues persuasively for a fundamental reassessment of drug control policy. The thrust of the book is simply that the 'war on drugs' cannot be won by trying to dry up the source, since there will always be demand to create supply.

Wisotsky argues that the 'war on drugs' has been a tragic waste and our energies should be concentrated on making the individual drug user take responsibility for his or her addiction. Too much time, money, and resources are being used in a futile attempt to stop the flow of drugs; not enough attention is being paid to the effects of those drugs.

This is a lengthy book, its facts derived from a prodigious bibliography of books, articles, and government documents. The tone is serious, although occasionally lightened by an example of an absurd drug control procedure carried out in the States. The Florida Highway Patrol, for instance, used a drug courier profile that cautioned troopers to be suspicious of rental cars, "scrupulous obedience to traffic laws," and drivers wearing "lots of gold," or who do not "fit vehicle," and "ethnic groups associated with the drug trade."

Topics covered in **Beyond the War on Drugs** include: the rise, economic impact, and structure of the cocaine industry; the current battle plan and why it is wrong; the attempts of police and other law enforcement agencies to control drug flow; and the implications of legalization and what the future holds.

Activist's Bookshelf

CX4139
Voluntary Organizations and their Businesses: Issues and Opportunities and Factors Influencing Success
 E.T. Jackson and J.E. McNamara

Voluntary Action Directorate, Department of Secretary of State
 Ottawa, Ontario
 1987, 1989

The purpose of this paper is to examine the role and nature of small businesses initiated by the voluntary sector in Canada. The paper examines the types of businesses initiated by voluntary organizations, operational characteristics of the most successful of these businesses, their record of performance, and obstacles limiting their success. The role of government, the private sector and other organizations in Canadian society in relation to these businesses is also discussed. The paper concludes with recommendations designed to maximize the success of the business of voluntary organizations over the next decade.

The purpose of the second booklet is to examine a number of key factors influencing the success of small businesses initiated by the voluntary sector in Canada. The paper examines successful organizational structures employed by voluntary sector enterprises (VSEs), sources for and obstacles to the financing of VSEs, the legal and tax implications of current legislation of VSEs, and appropriate approaches to training for voluntary sector entrepreneurship. The paper concludes with recommendations intended to maximize the impact of the VSE as an effective instrument to promote economic and social development.

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CX4140**Business Online: A Canadian Guide**

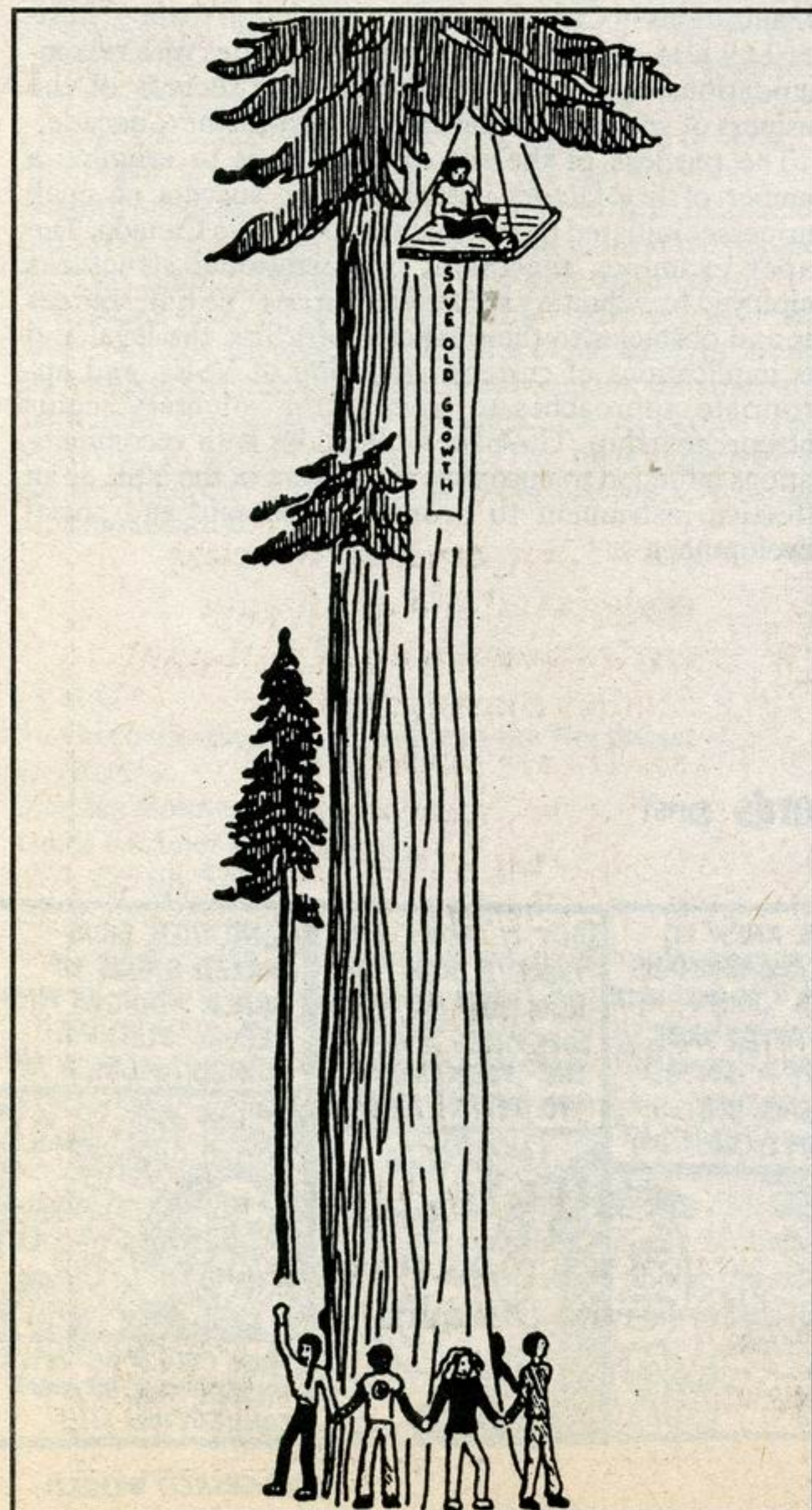
Ulla de Stricker & Jane I. Dysart

John Wiley & Sons

1989, 336 pp, \$39.95, ISBN 0-471-79676-X

Frustrated by a lack of information in your workplace? If so, you may benefit from access to a database. Databases are a source of records on such things as journal articles, reports, books, patents, and other published items, articles, newswire stories, legal case reports, lists of companies and company information, individuals, software, products, etc.

Business Online helps prospective users decide whether – and which – online information services are useful to their work. It focuses specifically on those databases which contain information related to Canada, and compares them. The authors have also included introductory chapters for those altogether unfamiliar with the system.



Just Arrived

CX4141**Arctic Circle**

Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, 111 Sparks Street, 4th floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5B5

CX4142**The Barefoot Channel: Community Television as a Tool for Social Change**

Kim Goldberg, New Star Books, 2504 York Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia V6K 1E3, (604) 738-9429, 1990, 176 pp, \$14.95, ISBN 0-919573-95-9

CX4143**Behind the Silicon Curtain**

Dennis Hayes, Black Rose Books, P.O. Box 1258, Station Place du Parc, Montreal, Quebec H2W 2R3, 1990, 215 pp, \$16.95, ISBN 0-921689-62-4

CX4144**Double Jeopardy – Threat to Life and Human Rights**

Roberta Cohen & Laurie S. Wiseberg, Human Rights Internet, Harvard Law School, Pound Hall 401, Cambridge MA 02138 U.S.A., (617) 495-9924, 1990, 48 pp, \$5

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Robert R. Kerton, North-South Institute, 55 Murray Street, Suite 200, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5M3, (613) 236-3535, 1990, 41 pp, \$12, ISBN 0-921942-05-2

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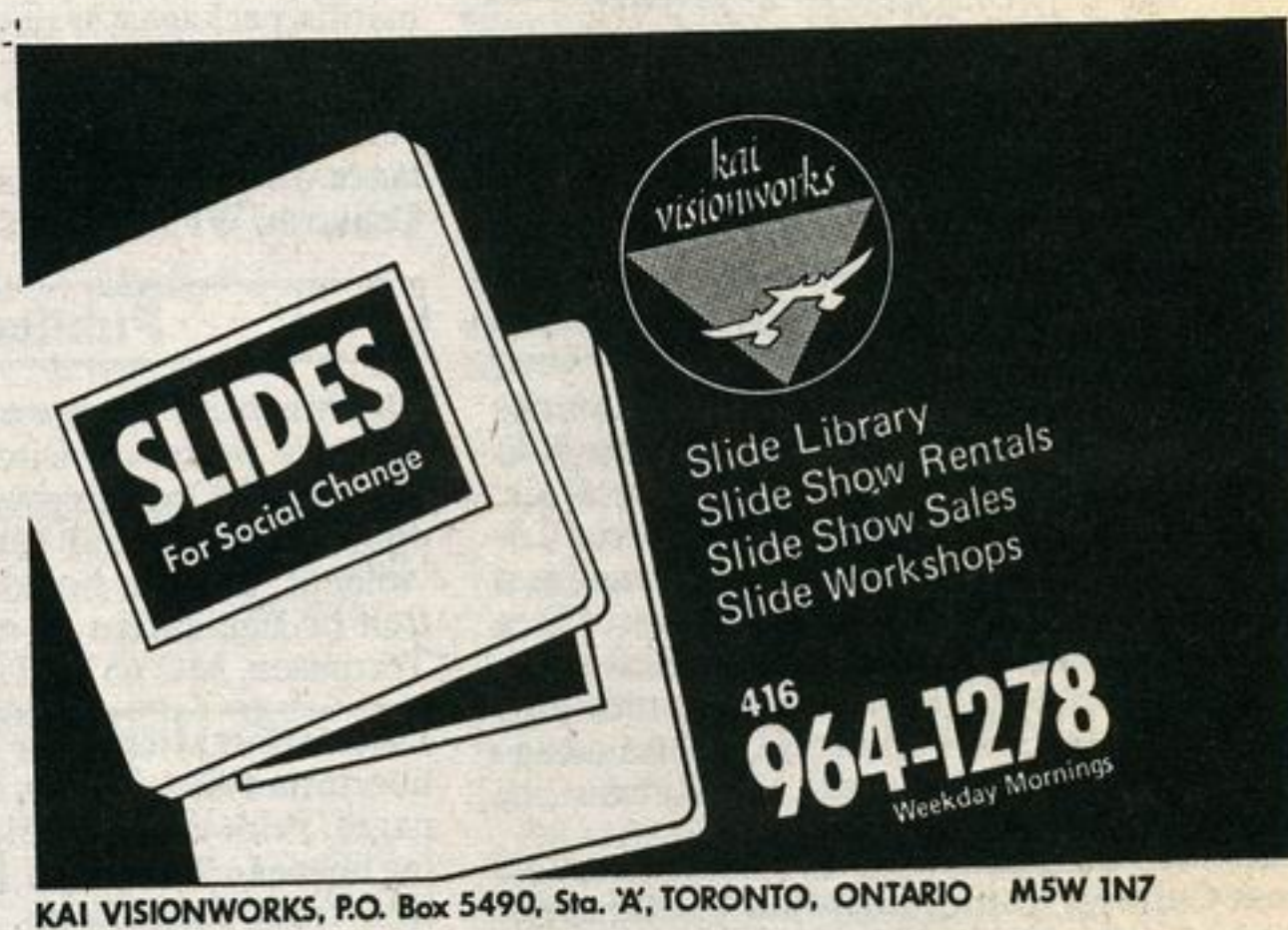
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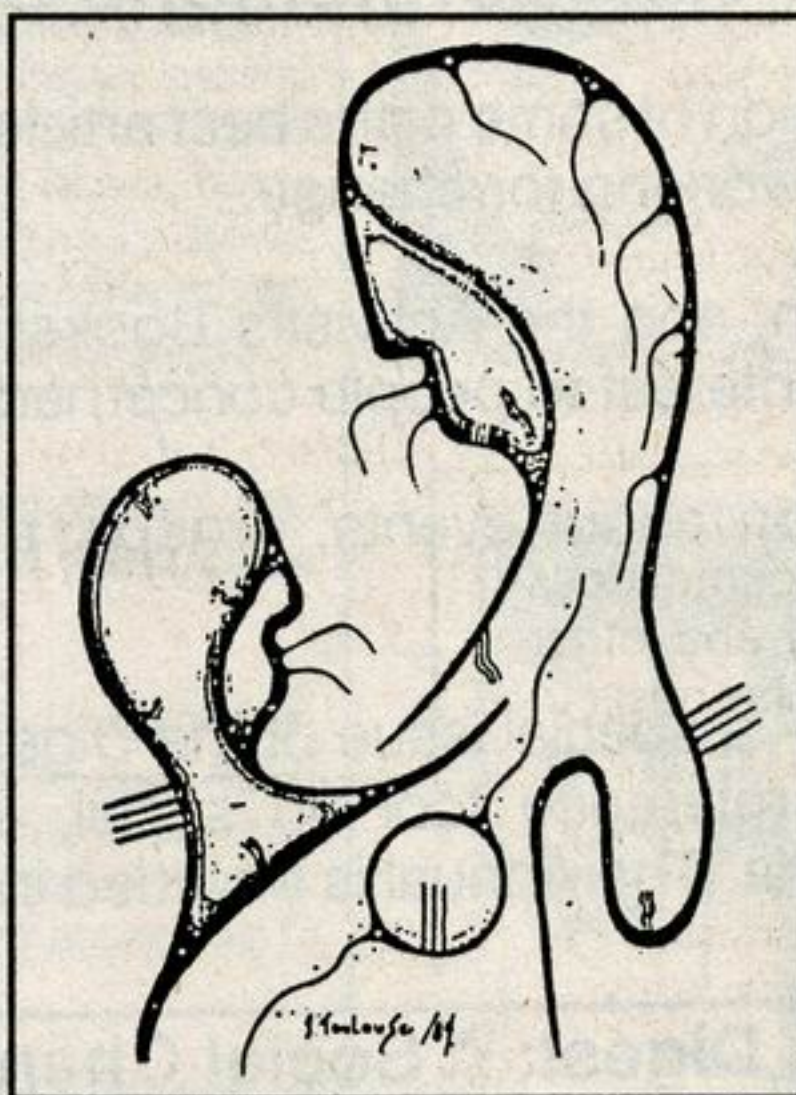
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- To mobilize the resources and skills of non-Native Canadians



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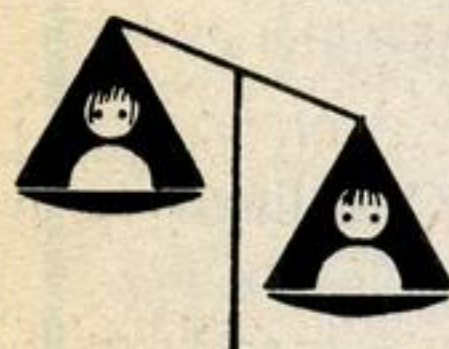
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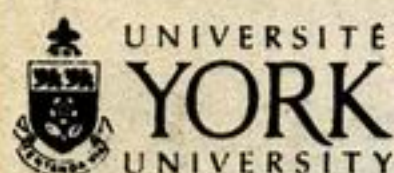
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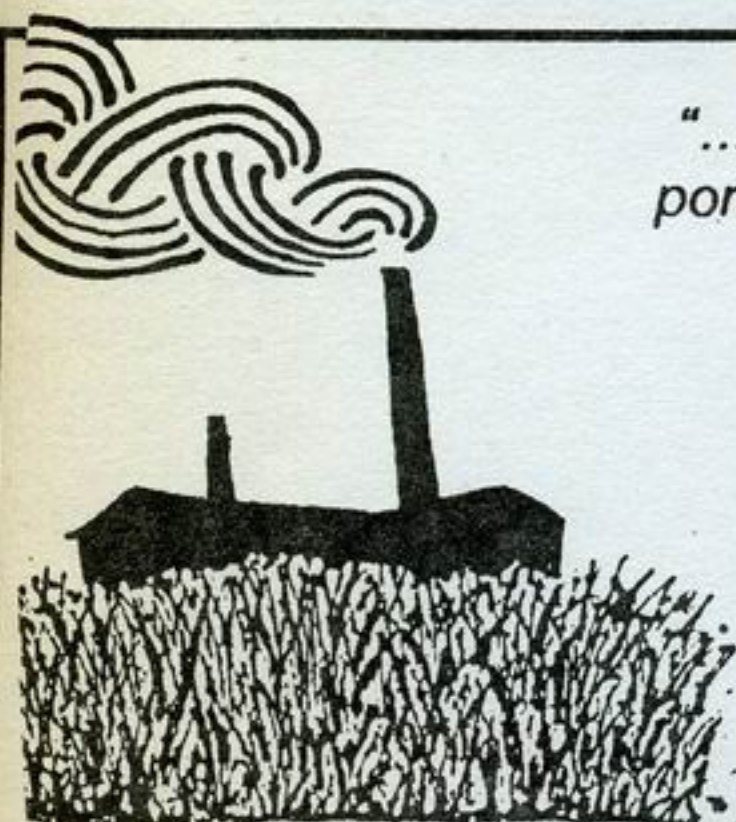
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